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CRISIS OVER BERLIN AIR CRASH

Soviet Threat To Seal Corridor To Capital

WARNING AGAINST BRITISH "PROVOCATIVE AIMS"

Attlee Cabinet Discusses Reply To Russian Charge

BERLIN, April 8, (U.P.A.): Soviet military Governor Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky charged today that the British action in blaming Russia for the Gatow air crash was "provocative" and hinted that the Russians might seal the western Allies' air corridor to Berlin.

A high official source said that it is "expected" General Sir Brian Rabertson, British Military Governor, incensed over the Soviet reply, would demand an apology and an explanation.

DEFAMATION CHARGE

Sokolovsky's reply to the British Note, printed by Russian Army paper "Taegliche Rundschau", reiterated the Russian claim that the British transport crashed into the tail of the Soviet fighter over the Russian airfield. The British version said that the Russian fighter crashed into the British plane while buzzing over it. Sokolovsky insisted that the British version was a "defamation" of the Russians. He rejected a proposal for four-power investigation of the crash. The Russians earlier had agreed to a joint British-Russian investigation.

The Russian said he hoped that the British would abide by the air regulations in the future and thus relieve him of the necessity of securing safety of air traffic over Soviet areas—which observers saw as a hint of threat to close the corridor.

Sokolovsky told Robertson in the letter, "The attempts in your letter and especially of British-licensed newspapers which present the accident as a result of planned action by the Soviet pilot, can be interpreted by me only as a defamation apparently following provocative aims".

Britain is expected to demand an apology from Moscow for the latest Russian Note.

BRITISH CABINET DISCUSSES SITUATION

LONDON, April 8, (U.P.A.): The Cabinet discussed the Berlin situation today.

There are signs that Marshal Sokolovsky's attitude might prompt a high level protest to Moscow. A Foreign Office spokesman said that "Government-level action is a possibility" in view of Sokolovsky's placing the blame for the Berlin air crash on Monday on the British transport.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery called upon Premier Attlee last night after his return from Berlin.

The text of Sokolovsky's reply was delivered at Downing Street before the Cabinet meeting.

"It is our hope that the Allied Control Council will continue to function and that the friendly full co-operation among the four powers will continue," the Foreign Office spokesman said.

"Reuter" says:

A British spokesman said tonight: "General Robertson has not yet decided to make any statement or to say what action he intends to take on the Russian reply."

British officials were tonight assuming that General Robertson's order to employ fighter escorts—announced and cancelled on Tuesday night after the air crash—might again come into force in view of the tone of the Russian reply to the British Note on the crash.

Stop Press

DELHI TALKS ON HYDERABAD

NEW DELHI, April 8, (A.P.I.): Sir Walter Monckton, Constitutional Adviser to the Nizam, met the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru today. He is expected to meet Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the State Minister tomorrow.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, India's representative in Hyderabad is now in Delhi in connection with Indo-

"COUNTER COMINFORM."

WASHINGTON, April 8. (U.P.A.): John Foster Dulles, Republican foreign policy adviser, reportedly proposed to-day that the western powers set up a "counter Cominform" to combat the growth of communism in Europe. It would be the western reply to the Communist Information Bureau recently established in Belgrade.

GUATEMALA TO PRESS CLAIM BR. HONDURAS.

BOGOTA, Colombo, April 8. (Reuter): The Guatemalan Foreign Minister, Senor Muenoz Meany, said at the Pan-American conference here to-day that the crisis facing Britain provided a "propitious climate" in which to press his country's claims against British Honduras.

TWO MEMBERS OF PRAGUE U. S. EMBASSY STAFF RECALLED

WASHINGTON, April 8. (Reuter): The United States has withdrawn two members of the American Embassy staff at Prague on the demand of the Czechoslovak Government, diplomatic officials disclosed here today.

TWO BR. WARSHIPS TO VISIT VENICE & TRIESTE

MALTA, April 8 (Reuter): The British aircraft-carrier "Triumph," accompanied by the destroyer "Cheviot" sailed today for a week's visit to Venice and Trieste.

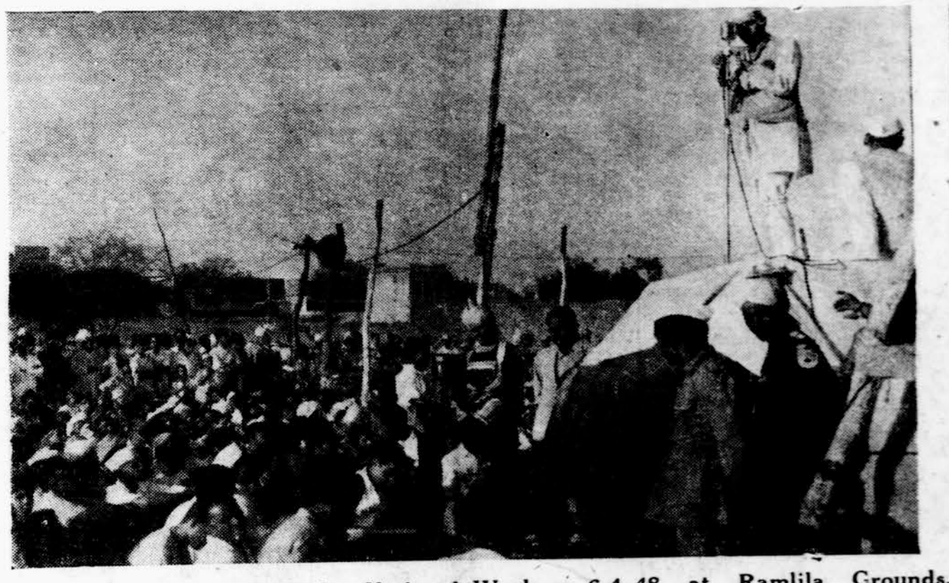
Government As Importers

Iron And Steel Supplies From America

BOMBAY, April 8, (U.P.I.): Following the declaration of its industrial policy the Government of India in the Ministry of Industry and Supply, is understood to be considering the question of eliminating the ordinary channels of trade in respect of importing iron and steel from the United States of America. It is stated that the Government of India have already suspended issuing licenses and desire to import steel and iron on their own account through the India Supply Mission in America, and arrange sale and distribution themselves. The quota fixed by U. S. authorities for India is between 6,000 to 7,000 tons per quarter.

In this connection, it is learnt that the Iron and Steel Controller has been summoned to Delhi by the Ministry of Industry and Supply for finalising Government's policy in this regard.

Meanwhile, the trade has made representation to the Ministry protesting against "this fresh control in these days of decontrol" and pointing out that the action of the Government would compel Indian importers to close down their offices in the United States of America which they had established with great difficulty.



Pandit Nehru inaugurated the National Week on 6-4-48, at Ramlila Grounds. Here he is seen explaining the significance of the historic week.

ARAB COMMANDER KILLED IN MOUNT CASTEL BATTLE

Village Re-captured: Ultimatum To Besieged Jews In North Palestine

JERUSALEM, April 8, (Reuter): Abdul Kader Husseini, veteran Arab leader and kinsman of the Mufti, was killed today in action between Jews and Arabs at Mount Castel five miles west of Jerusalem, semi-official Arab sources in Jerusalem reported tonight.

The Arabs today recaptured the village on Mount Castel from Haganair forces who seized it several days ago in a drive to get a big food convoy through the Arab blockade to Jerusalem.

Abdul Kader, who had been to Damascus, had returned suddenly to Jerusalem to lead in person the final drive which captured Castel village.

ULTIMATUM TO JEWS

The Arab "liberation army" today called on Jews in the besieged settlement of Mishmar Hayemek, in northern Palestine, to surrender or face destruction in a fullscale attack.

The terms, dictated by the Arab Field Commander Fawzi Bey Kaukji, offered the Jews the choice of evacuation or occupation by an Arab garrison if they surrendered. The garrison, if accepted, would protect Jewish lives and property, an Arab Headquarters "communique" said.

Jerusalem, already faced with serious food shortages in the Jewish districts owing to the Arab blockade, is now threatened with a water shortage.

Jerusalem's 160,000 people have been warned to use their taps and cisterns sparingly.

"COLD BLOODED MURDER"

LONDON, April 8. (U.P.A.): Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones, in a statement to the Commons on the recent Jewish raid on a British camp in Palestine in which six Britishers were killed, declared today that the act was a "cold blooded murder".

"It is a cold blooded murder for its own sake and nothing else. Such senseless crimes committed by members of a community which aspires to recognition by the world as being ready for acceptance into the comity of nations continues to blot the record of Jews in Palestine".

E.R.P. CONFERENCE ON APRIL 16

LONDON, April 8. (Reuter): The next meeting of the 16-Nation European Recovery Programme Conference in Paris, which will be attended by British Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin and other foreign Ministers, has now definitely been fixed for April 16, a Foreign Office spokesman announced in London today.

A meeting of Foreign Ministers' alternates"—expected to last two days—would take place on April 14 the spokesman said.

The plenary session is expected to go on to the permanent organisation to handle Marshall Aid in Europe.

Soviet Warns Teheran

TEHERAN, April 8, (U.P.A.): Russia, in the latest of a series of Notes exchanged with Iran, suggested today that the latter take action to halt "bellicose" criticism of the Soviet Union in the Iranian press.

JOBS FOR REFUGEES

BOMBAY, April 8, (A.P.I.): The Government of Bombay has decided that 20 per cent of the vacancies occurring under it should be filled in by the appointment of refugees from Pakistan.

Resume "Big 3" Conferences

Australian Premier's Call To Stop The Drift To War

CANBERRA, April 8, (Reuter): Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian External Affairs Minister, today called for resumption of the wartime meetings of British, American and Soviet leaders "to stop the drift to war in the interests of the peoples of the world".

Referring to the position of Japan in the Far East, Dr. Evatt told the Australian House of Representatives: "It would be unwise for Japan's industrial strength to be restored. It would be a sad day for Australia if Japan were given the capacity to re-arm whatever promise the Japanese made or are ready to give.

"It is right that Japan should be a workshop. It is completely wrong for Japan to be converted into an arsenal capable of being used in the south Pacific to the detriment of Australia.

"The Australian people would not be ready for the rebuilding of Japan" he said.

"There is no security for Australia against a repetition of what took place in 1942 unless the principles of the Potsdam agreement are carried out and Japan's capacity to wage war is destroyed".

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World Scientists Honour C. V. Raman

PARIS, April 8. (Reuter): A number of French and international scientists are gathered at the University of Bordeaux this week for a four-day international Congress on the diffusion of light-rays, at which the Indian physicist, Sir C. V. Raman, has been awarded a doctorate 'honoris causa" of the university.

Two similar awards were given to German-born Professor Max Born, of Edinburg University, and Professor Landsberg of Moscow. Professor Landsberg, however, was not able to attend the ceremony.

The Congress was held to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the discovery of the "Raman Effect".

Sir C. V. Raman, who was awarded the Nobel Physics Prize in 1940, replied to the Rector of the University, M. Mirchand: "My pleasure has been doubled by being made Doctor "honoris causa" at the same time as my friend Max Born.

"I have just visited the whole of your country, and it has left with me a deep impression, especially of the harsh trials which France has had to suffer. However, the vineyards of the Gironde interested me the most".

The audience broke into laughter when Sir C. V. Raman explained that his Bordeaux friends had been disappointed that he had not tasted their wine. "I know what disappointed them. They knew Raman Effect on alcohol and they wanted to know the effect of alcohol on Raman, he added.

Burma Govt.'s War On "Red" Guerillas

FULL-SCALE LAND, AIR AND POLICE OPERATIONS

Patrols Posted On China And Siam Borders

RANGOON, April 8, (U.P.A.): The Government launched full-scale military, air force and police operations against guerilla fighters in widespread areas dominated by communist factions, according to official Communiques issued today.

The combined operations have resulted in the death and arrest of several communist leaders and their followers during the past week.

A significant feature of the 'Communique' is the first official mention of Siamese and Chinese guerillas being involved in clashes against the Burma Government forces in areas reaching to the extreme northern boundaries of Burma and the border of Siam.

In the Yamethin district of central Burma last week, Government forces captured Thakin Htav, who succeeded Thakin Soe as the Communist leader when the latter was arrested some weeks ago.

Communist guerilla activities extended south of the Pegu district to just north of Burma's capital, Rangoon, where, the 'communiques' said, "strong counter measures" have been taken to prevent the Communists seizing arms and villages.

The 'Communiques' said the Communists actually had captured the "thinly held" police station village of Myitkyo in the Pegu district. It took the Burma mili-

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EXPANSION OF U. S. AIR FORCES

WASHINGTON, April 8. (Reuter): President Truman asked Congress today for an immediate appropriation of 725,000,000 dollars for expansion of the United States air forces.

The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee to which the request was directed, called a special meeting for later today to consider the request. The additional money is for use during the fiscal year starting July 1. The request is part of an additional 3,000 million dollars to be sought for overall defence purposes for the next fiscal year.

Of the 725,000,000 dollars requested for the air force, 195,000,000 would be in cash and 540,000,000 in contract authorisations for which cash must be furnished later.

Revised Timings for JAI HIND: 1, 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 P.M.
Also RIVOLI Talkies, Matunga, B. B. and C. I. Rly., Daily 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.

Nizam Makes Another Counter-Charge

SINGLE UNION FOR MALWA DEMANDED

C. I. States Leaders For Delhi To Discuss Issue

(From Our Correspondent.)

INDORE, April 6.

Prajamandal premiers of Indore and Gwalior States Messrs. Vishwanath Khode and Liladhar Joshi accompanied by Gopikrishna Vijayvargiya and Rameshwardayal Tottla, President and Vice-President of Central India Regional States Peoples Conference have proceeded to New Delhi where they will make a last attempt to see that the original plan for a single Malwa Union, including Gawlior and Indore comes to life. It may be recalled that the original plan being given up at the instance of the Gwalior Ruler which is against the united wishes of the Indore ruler, and governments and people of Gwalior Indore and other Central India States.

These leaders will meet the States Minister, Sirdar Vallabhbhai Patel, to impress upon him to adhere to a single union plan which only can meet the situation. It is maintained that two units will be as bad as the present scattered States in Central India, because boundaries of Indore and other States which will form the Southern Central India Union are very closely intermingled with the boundaries of the Gwalior State, which will form the Northern Central India Unit under the Gwalior Ruler.

Delegates to the Provincial Political Conference, who are here nowadays, also expressed strong disapproval over the two unit plan and demanded formation of one unit for the whole of Central India including Gwalior and Indore. The political conference unanimously adopted a resolution expressing similar sentiments. Congress Secretary, Shankerrao Deo, presided over the conference.

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UNION SUBJECTS RAIDING HYDERABAD VILLAGES

Ittehad To Celebrate "Razakars Day" With Rally Of Armed And Uniformed Volunteers

HYDERABAD (Dn.) April 7 (API).—A Nizam Government Press Note today states: "With reference to the statement by the Home Minister of the Bombay Government and broadcast from All-India Radio to the effect that three Indian Union villages on Bombay-Hyderabad border were raided as a result of which four persons were killed and four others injured, the Director of Information has been authorised to state that it is totally untrue.

No such raid has ever been carried out by the people belonging to Hyderabad.

On the other hand a number of incursions into Hyderabad territory have been organised by the Indian Union subjects assisted by the police. The statement in question probably refers to an incident which occurred two weeks ago and reference to which was made in the Press note issued by the Nizam Government on March 29.

The Press note stated that a party of armed goondas raided some fields on Kolgarh village in Gulbarga district, when crops were being harvested. They opened fire on the people engaged in harvesting operations. Eventually they were put to flight by the military detachment on patrol duty in the area."

RAZAKARS' DAY

HYDERABAD (Dn.), April 8 (API).—The Working Committee of the Majlis Ittehadul Muslimin has decided to celebrate "Razakars Day" throughout Hyderabad State on April 9.

All branches of the Majlis in the State have been called upon to hold a rally of the Razakars in their respective areas.

It is stated the Majlis volunteers will attend the rally in military uniform, armed with weapons.

They are to reaffirm the pledge signed by them at the time of their enlistment that they are prepared to lay down their lives "in protecting the throne of the Nizam and the lives and property of all people of the State irrespective of caste, creed or religion."

ENFORCE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE

Aruna Asaf Ali Condemns Nizam Govt's. Action

SHOLAPUR, April 8 (API).—Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali, Socialist leader, addressing a public meeting held here last night urged the immediate annulment of the standstill agreement with the Hyderabad State and the strict enforcement of an economic blockade against it.

Mrs. Asaf Ali added that large scale 'repression" was being practised against the patriotic forces trying to establish popular Government in the State. This was being done, she said, by the Ittehadul Muslimin and the Razakars who were let loose by the Nizam's Government. This she said, must effectively be stopped.

Rioting And Looting In Iraq

Food Situation Reported To Be Critical

BAGHDAD, April 8 (Reuter)—Rioting and looting were reported yesterday from two centres in Iraq following the workers strike which broke out in five of the chief towns Baghdad, Basra, Erbil, Kirkup and Khaniquin.

While the strikers are demanding higher wages to meet the high cost of living, the food situation in Iraq is reported to be critical, inspite of a Government purchase of 27,000 tons of wheat and the recent arrival of 8,000 tons.

At the port of Basra, electric power station employees and other workers tried to loot stores but were stopped by police.

At Khaniquin, near the Persian border north of Baghdad railway depots were attacked and 500 bags of wheat and 100 bags of rice were looted Police reinforcements have ben rushed to the scene.

Communist agitators are reported to be playing an important part in these outbreaks while the Government is doing its utmost to restore tranquillity.

Bombay Measures To Check Rising Prices

KARWAR, April 6 (API).—To relieve the distress of the poor and to check the rising price-spiral, the Government of Bombay has not only decided to open fair price shops in every town of this district, but also to supply to this district about 2,900 tons of foodgrains consisting of 1,000 tons of rice, 700 tons of wheat, 700 tons of milo, and 500 tons of maize. The above allotment is expected to reach this district by the end of this month.

NEHRU'S ADVICE TO LONDON INDIAN STUDENTS

"Obligation To Translate National Ideals Into Reality"

LUSS SCOTLAND April 7, (Reuter): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India, told Indian students in a message sent to their conference here today: "Our ancient land stands on the threshold of her destiny. Fresh and glorious chapters are to be added to her long and unbroken history. You are among the scribes."

The message was read at the opening of the first conference of the Federation of Indian Students societies in great Britain to be held since the liberation of India.

Young Indian men and women, Pandit Nehru said, were called to labour in every sphere of India's economic social technical, industrial, cultural and spiritual rehabilitation and reconstruction.

JUSTICE FOR ALL

"Many tasks confront us. The freedom which we have won must mean freedom, justice and opportunity for the common man, for one and all. Our country must take its honoured place among the nations of the world potent to play her part promoting world peace and security and enriching our human heritage.

"These were the ideals to which our great national movement was nurtured and won over a generation under the unique and historic leadership of Gandhiji who set the pace and led us with unfailing faith and courage through storm and stress. They were our beacon lights.

OUR INSPIRATION

"They are still our inspiration and our objective but today we have the opportunity and the obligation to translate them by our efforts into reality.

Declaring that Mahatma Gandhi had left them a rich but onerous legacy, Pandit Nehru concluded: "May you and I be worthy of it.

"Our lives and example alone can bear witness."

Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, High Commissioner for India in London, opening the conference which is attended by 150 delegates representing 1,400 students from all over Britain said the students were a credit to their universities and their country He would like to send back to Pandit Nehru and the Minister of education the students assurances that during their stay in Britain the would continue to shine to the glory of India.

Saurashtra News: PUBLIC SAFETY ORDINANCE PROMULGATED

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, April 6.

Under the signature of the Rajpramukh, Jamsaheb, a public safety ordinance has been issued with power to apply it in Saurashtra when necessity arises.

Kumar Shree Banesinhji, Collector-Designate, Rajkot District is taking over charge in a couple of days after which the present administrative council will be dissolved.

The Saurastra Government has taken over the administration of Baberiawad.

The Saurastra Government completed all necessary administrative arrangements and as soon as the Jamnagar State administration is taken over on the tenth April, the whole Provincial administration will be in motion throughout.

The Premier, Mr. Dhebar, will attend this ceremony. After this, the Rajpramukh, Jamsaheb, will handover administration of Jamnagar District to the Collector-Designate, Mr. Jaykar.

Jadewaji Mody, President, Bhavnagar Administrative Council took over charge of the Jafarabad administration on behalf of the Saurashtra Government yesterday. Jafarabad belonged to Janjira State.

The Saurashtra Government representatives were accorded a grand reception on arrival by state official. And a procession was taken out and a public meeting was also held.

Vigorous efforts are afoot to have an all-Saurashtra radio station at Rajkot.

JAMNAGAR NEWS

The Maharani of Jamnagar, with the Yuvaraj, princesses and party left Jamnagar for Bombay "en route" to England yesterday evening in a special plane. She was seen off by officers and people.

The Jamsaheb, will return to Rajkot tomorrow to attend a conference of Girasdar representatives.

Muslims who left Kathiawar for Pakistan are now gradually returning in large numbers

A full-fledged medical college is likely to be opened at Jamnagar very shortly. Preparations are afoot for the same.

FOUR BIHAR SOCIALISTS RESIGN

BHAGALPUR, April 6 (API.) While a large number of Socialists of Bhagalpur including Mr. S. Siaram Singh, President of the District Congress Committee, have resigned their membership of the Congress, four prominent Socialists, namely Mr. Gangadhar Roy, member of the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. Rajbalk Singh, Mr. Ambica Prasad Singh and Abdul Hamid have resigned from the membership of their party and have become full fledged members of the Congress, it is learnt

SAURASHTRA UNION CELEBRATIONS

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, April 6: Extensive arrangements are in progress, particularly in the capitals of the covenanting States fittingly to celebrate the formation of the compact democratic State of Saurashtra out of 202 bigger States and petty principalities of Kathiawar on April 15 and 16. All sorts and conditions of men and women pursuing different vocations are inspired with the single-minded devotion to the lofty ideals symbolised by the new democratic State.

SAURASHTRA CONSEMBLY

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, April 6. A stage is being energetically set by Mr. Harkant B. Shukla, Secretary of the Saurashtra Public Service Commission for setting the preliminaries for the creation of the Saurashtra Constituent Assembly, a formal announcement concerning which is to be made by the Rajpramukh on the first favourable opportunity after April 15.

SOCIALISTS TO WITHDRAW FROM GWALIOR STATE CONGRESS

(From Our Correspondent)

GWALIOR, April 5:

The Executive Committee of the Socialist Party (Gwalior State) has resolved to withdraw its members from the State Congress forthwith.

Special Treatment To Calcutta Under-Trial Prisoners

CALCUTTA, April 8 (A.P.I.): The Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta ordered yesterday that under-trial prisoners who have been arrested in connection with the strike of the Central Government employees in the city, and are in custody at Dum Dum and Alipur jails, be treated as division I prisoners.

Earlier, about 130 prisoners had resorted to a hunger strike on the question of classification. It is learnt that the strike was given up yesterday.

JUBBULPORE, April 8 (IPA): The possibility of the Communist Party being banned in the province is currently under consideration of the provincial Government, Indian Press Association learns from reliable quarters.

The Government is reported to have sought advice from the Centre.

British C.-in-C. Warns Germans

BERLIN, April 7 (UPA)—General Sir Brian Robertson, British Commander-in-Chief, warned the German people today not to unite with the Czechs and other people of Eastern Europe "in a common bondage deprived of all freedom of thought and action."

Robertson's speech plus the United States, French and British conference here indicated that the partition of Germany between the western and eastern zones was now final and that France would soon merge her western zone with those of the United States and Britain.

In an unprecedented appeal to the Germans for support of the western alliesc against Russia, Robertson told the north Rhine. Westphalia Rhine and Westphalia parliament at Dusseldorf to "stand together against gentlemen who, with democracy on their lips and a truncheon behind their backs, would filch your German freedom....Make the best of that larger part of your country which is on the right side of the iron curtain ....A great deal is being said by politicians in the eastern zone about unity but that is.....unity with the Czechs and other peoples of eastern Europe in a common bondage...The people of western Germany will not be deceived by this camouflage nor indeed will the people of eastern Germany though they may be forced to accept it at the present time."

Other developments included the Russian assertion that the crash involving Russian and British planes was the fault of the British pilot. Britain said the charge was "palpably untrue."

Robertson's Headquarters received a note from Marshal Vassily Sokolovosky, Russian Commander-in-Chief in reply to the British demand for "condemnation" of the plane crash and assurances of non-interference in the future.

Maurice Couve de Murville, French diplomat, conferred with General Lucius D. Clay, American Commander-in-Chief, and plans to consult with Robertson tomorrow. Officials hinted that if all went well there might soon be a momentous announcement of French co-operation with the merged Anglo-American zones.

EXPORT OF CASTOR-SEED

India Govt.'s Note

NEW DELHI, April 7 (API): The Government of India have decided to allow 21,500 tons of castor seed to be exported through normal trade channels during 1948, says a Ministry of Commerce press not. Applications should be made on the prescribed form to the Deputy Chief Controller of exports at Calcutta or Bombay, or to the Export Trade Controller in case of other ports, on or before May 7, 1948 with the necessary evidence.

ADMISSION OF ITALY IN SECURITY COUNCIL

Gromyko Explains Soviet Stand

NEW YORK, April 8, (Reuter): Andrei Gromyko, Russian delegate, made it plain at an informal meeting of the big five members of the Security Council today that Russia would again veto Italy's application for membership of the United Nations unless the western powers agree also to admit Hungary, Bulgaria, Finland and Rumania.

The Security Council will shortly reconsider the applications of all five countries. It has previously rejected the applications of Hungary, Finland, Rumania and Bulgaria while Russia refused to accept Italy unless all the other former enemy countries were admitted.

At to-day's meeting M. Gromyko also demanded that if reconsideration was to be given to the case of Transjordan, the rejected applications of outer Mongolia and Albania should also be reviewed.

The application of Burma was also discussed by the big five today and M. Gromyko said he would have no objection to this application being dealt with separately when it came before the council.

BRELVI'S PROPOSAL TO WORLD EDITORS

U. N. C. F. I. To Draft Journalist's 'Code Of Honour'

GENEVA, April 7 (Reuter): The task of drawing up a journalist's "code of honour" was today entrusted to a Sub-Commission of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, of India, suggested that a world conference of editors and other journalists should be called not later than 1949 to consider the journalist's code of honour.

Three Western Powers To Rule Palestine?

Plans Believed To Have Been Adumbrated In New U. S. Proposals

LAKE SUCCESS, April 7 (UPA).—Non-American sources reported today that the undisclosed portion of the American plan for Palestine would grant a voice in the rule of Palestine to three western powers and freeze out Soviet Russia.

The sources said the United States was working toward a United Nations trusteeship programme which would place American, British and French representatives on the principal governing body of Palestine. The three powers would keep their seats for about five years, according to the report.

Diplomatic sources said Saudi Arabia and another Arab State already have indicated privately to Washington officials that they would accept the American formula.

They said the plan would, in effect, confine the Jews to a majority rule in about 1,700 of Palestine's 10,000 square miles and permit Jewish immigration of about 3,500 persons monthly for a five-year period. There was no official confirmation. American officials would not confirm the reports.

It was pointed out that some basic aspects of the American trusteeship plan for Palestine still have not been relayed to the United States delegation.

Diplomats, professing to know the contents of the still secret portions of the American plan, said it would set up a 14-member council of government which would be next to the United Nations Governor-General in authority in the Holy Land. The Governor-General and council or "cabinet" both would be subject to orders from a United Nations Trusteeship Council whose 11 members were all in the western bloc. They said the cabinet would be made up under the American plan of five Muslim Arabs, two Christian Arabs, four Jews and representatives of the United States, Britain and France.

They said that to establish the legal groundwork for western power participation the United States will hark back to the declaration of 1920 in which the allied and associated powers of the world set up the League of Nations mandate.

TRUCE TALKS

LONDON, April 8 (Reuter).—Although attempts to get the Jews and Arabs together for Palestine truce talks have been suspended for the time being, separate meetings of the opposing sides with Dr. Alfonso Lopez, the President of the Security Council, continue today or tomorrow. It was learned from New York.

Separate Arabs and Jews truce talks on Palestine with the President of the United Nations Security Council lasted for three hours in New York last night.

At their end neither Arabs nor Jewish representatives nor Doctor Alfonso Lopez, the Council President, were prepared to make a statement.

Britain, who indicated she would be willing to attend the truce talks if invited, has meanwhile made representations to all the Arab States except the Yemen within the last few days urging them not to permit Arab guerillas to invade Palestine, it was authoritatively learned in London.

Through her diplomatic representatives in the six Arab capitals, she reminded the Arab Governments that until May 15 Britain, the mandatory power was still responsible for law and order in Palestine.

Tension in Palestine, the Governments were told, was mounting daily and might lead to a "major outbreak of violence."

DEBATE IN LORDS

In the British House of Lords, Lord Salisbury Opposition Leader, declared last night he was shocked by the British Government's "apparent frantic desire" to underline the fact that it was washing its hands entirely of Palestine.

Speaking on a bill which provides for the end of British jurisdiction in Palestine on May 15, Lord Salisbury declared:

"The British people are fed up with Palestine, but we in Parliament are responsible people.

"We are members of the United Nations and cannot entirely dissolve ourselves of responsibility which such membership involves."

It was still not too late, he said, for Arabs and Jews to listen with reason to the voice of the United Nations and the prayer of mankind and to seek "even at this last moment" for a basis of agreement which would spare the Holy Land from being "ravaged by bloodshed and destruction."

The Arab Higher Committee is reported to have made clear that before committing itself to any stand on the truce proposal it would insist on knowing the conditions of such a truce.

One of the conditions which Arab spokesman have already laid down is that it be agreed that partition will be abandoned.

Other Arab sources indicated that the disarming of Jewish Haganna forces would be another condition.

On the Jewish side, it was learned that Mr. Shertok's case was not materially altered from his earlier stand, that before there can be a truce armed Arab bands which infiltrated Palestine must be withdrawn, and all alleged preparations for aggression from outside be stopped.

United Nations circles said it was too early to predict the outcome of the present talks, but that chances of success were slim.

Dr. Shelvankar's New Post

LONDON, April 7 (Reuter): Dr. K. S. Shelvankar, Indian author and economist, who arrived in London today from New York on his way to India, has been appointed Deputy Principal Information Officer of the Government of India attached to the Prime Minister Pandit Nehru, it was learned here tonight.

Dr. Shelvankar who was one of the Secretaries to the Indian delegation at the United Nations Organisation, told Reuter he would be leaving for India next week to take up his new post.

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Hightide: —, 12-11.
Lowtide: 05-56, 18-05.

To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY PRARTHANA SAMAJ 81ST ANNIVERSARY: Lecture in Marathi by Prof. N. R. Phatak on "Yoga-Vasistha," today (Friday), at 6-30 p.m.

BOMBAY LIBRARY STAFF CONFEE.

There are a number of libraries in Bombay Presidency, where a number of clerks and inferior servants are employed, whose salaries are miserable and whose conditions of services are deplorable. With a view to pressing upon the Government and also placing demands of the library staff before the library authorities, it is proposed by the Library Staff Union, Bombay, to hold a conference of all the employees in Bombay, at an early date All employees in different libraries supporting such a conference will please communicate with the President of the Union at 360, Thakurdwar, Girgam, Bombay.

ANDHRA ASSOCIATION & LIBRARY, KALYAN: Sri Ramanavmi festivals will be celebrated under the auspices of the Andhra Association, Kalyan commencing from the Telugu New Year's Day, April 10th to April 17th. All musical entertainments have been curtailed this year due to the national calamity (Bapuji's demise). On April 11 Mr. N. C. N. Acharya, will speak on 'Province on Linguistic Basis'. On the 10th night and 17th night Mr. C. M. Jeevanarao will perform Hari Kirtans on Ramadas and Sita Kalyanam respectively in Telugu

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Recognition of Friends and Relations in Heaven" is the subject to be taken up for consideration, today (Friday), at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

FREE FIRST—AID CLASSES: The Bohra Youth League will open "Free First—Aid Classes" from 18th inst., necessary training of "First—Aid" will be given on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12-30 a.m. by well-known doctors those who want to join can enroll their names (either personally —or in writing) before 11th inst., at Bohra—Youth League office, 129, Abdul Rehman Street, Bombay 3.

HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY: A meeting of the employees associated with different Unions of Mazdoor Sangh, Congress House, will be held at Congress House today (Friday) at 7 p.m. under the presidentship of Sri. S. L. Silam to work out and plan for a housing society to be had at the earliest. Sri. H. N. Trivedi will explain to the members details of the scheme.

STEP TOWARDS BUILDING GREATER BOMBAY

CITY CORPORATION VOTES EXPENSES FOR PRELIMINARY SURVEYS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A further step in the materialisation of the Master Plan for Greater Bombay was taken when the Municipal Corporation at its meeting held this afternoon sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 3,59,342 for carrying out preliminary surveys as proposed by the Commissioner and recommended by the Standing Committee in December last.

The resolution which was moved by Mr. G. N. Desai and seconded by Mr. Nathalal Parekh, was the subject of a hot debate in which Messrs. Naushir Bharucha, Dahyabhai V. Patel, S. K. Patil, Asokh Mehta and Daruwala participated and, at one stage, the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. B. K. Patel, demanded that, to be effective, the proposal must be passed by a majority of at least 54 members.

The debate arose over the amendment to the proposal, moved by Mr. Daruwala to the effect that the work of the execution of the Plan should be entrusted to ppersons fully qualified and competent to do the job and, therefore, the present staff be continued in service only upto May 31, 1948. This amendment, when put to vote, was declared lost by 56 votes against 35.

Before the proceedings of the House were adjourned for the day, Mr. M. U. Mascarenhas, Mayor, announced the election of Mr. K. K. Shah as the Corporation representative on the Bombay University Senate.

The following are the results of the various committees, the election of which had taken place on Monday last:—

Improvement Committee

CONGRESS.

1 Mr. B. M. Khandrav, 2 Mr. N. C. Pupala, 3 Mr. D. J. Shah, 4 Mr. L. K. Borker, 5 Dr. N. N. Shah, 6 Mr. Balwantsing Dhody 7 Miss P. N. Nariman, 8 Sardar Partapsingh Lakshmidas, 9 Mr. V. B. Korgaoker and 10 K. B. Md. Ali Allahoux.

INDEPENDENT.

11 Mr. J. D. Daruwala and 12 Mr. M. E. Joshi.

MUSLIM LEAGUE.

13 Mr. N. Y. Bandukwala, 14 Mr. Ismail Khwaja Hussain.

SOCIALISTS.

15 Mr. G. G. Mehta, 16 Dr. M. B. Raut.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE.

The Schools Committee consists of sixteen members, twelve councillors and four non-councillors.

Following are the members elected to the Committee:—

COUNCILLOR MEMBERS:

1 Mr. B. M. Yagnik, 2 Mrs. Manibhen N. Desai, 3 Dr. Bhavanishankar P. Divgi, 4 Mrs. Sulochana M. Modi, 5 Mr. Vishvanath R. Tulla, 6 Mr. V. B. Worlikar, 7 Mrs. K. S. Tyebji, 8 Mr. Md. Abdul Latif, 9 Mr. Hirajibhai K. Patel, 10 Mr. S. S. Wadwalkar, 11 Mr. Mohinuddin Harris and 12 Mrs. Alice Alvares.

NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBERS:

1 Mr. M. V. Donde, 2 Mrs. S. B. Kulkarni, 3 Mrs. R. M. Gandhi and 4 Mr. P. R. Lele.

Belgaum Rural Development Board

The Government of Bombay has re-constituted the Belgaum District Rural development Board consisting of officials and non-officials. It will function up to March 1949 in the first instance.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, April 9, (Friday).

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. A. R. Oza 7-40 News in (M) 7-50 News in (G) 8-0 News in (E) 8-15 News in (H) 8-30 A. R. Oza 8-45 G. G. Kharadker (Desi on Violin) 9-0 G. S. Vallapurper 12-0 p.m. Mahila Mandal (Programme of special interest to women in Gujarati) "Kala"—Talk on art. 12-45 News in (M) 12-50 News in (G) 12-55 Mishra Sangeet 1-25 News in (H) 1-30 News in (E) 1-40 Music for Dancing 4-20 Vinayakrao Harshe 4-45 Eknath Hateskar & Party 5-0 Madhavrao Alkutkar 5-15 "Jantar Mantar" (Children's programme in Hindi, Urdu and Hindustani) 5-45 News in (K) 6-0 News in (E) 6-10 News in (H) 6-15 S. C. R. Bhatt (Vocal Music) 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Locals 7-15 Vinayakrao Harshe 7-30 Pustak Parikshana 7-45 Saz Sangeet 8-0 News in (M) 8-15 News in (G) 8-30 Thumri (Roshanara Begum) 8-45 For the Universities Student and Teacher: Discussion in English 9-0 News in (E) 9-15 News in (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Musical Interlude 9-45 Baliwalal 10-0 S. C. R. Bhatt (Vocal Music) 10-30 Bhurjeekhan.

VARIATIONS

41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)—7-40 a.m. Gujar Rangbhoomi 5-45 p.m. Madhavrao Alkutkar 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners.

61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)—7-45 p.m. Commercial News 8-0 Mohammed Siddiq 8-15 Eknath Hateskar & Party 9-0 Bhurjeekhan 10-0 Mae Dhondy (Soprano) 10-15 Boston Promenade Orchestra 10-30 Arnaldo De Andrade—Tuna Portuguese

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The last straw in the Communist campaign which spurred the Police to quick action was when leaflets urging operatives to strike yesterday in order to be present at the hearing of Comrade S. A. Dange's Habeas Corpus application were freely distributed.

The Police, thereupon, searched several City printing presses to trace the origin of the leaflets diffusing Communist propaganda.

Their City-wide search ultimately led them to the New Age Printing Press situated at the local headquarters of the Communist Party of India. Here, they are said to have unearthed the source of the handbills, piles of which they seized last night.

GANDHI NATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND

Patil Calls For Expediting Collection

Shri S. K. Patil, Chairman of the Bombay Committee of Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund, has issued the following statement:—

The Prime Minister of Bombay has issued a statement appealing to the citizens of Bombay to give their fullest co-operation and support to the work of collection of the Gandhi National Memorial Fund. In pursuance of that appeal a vigorous campaign has been launched in the City during the 'National Week'.

The Central Office of the National Memorial Fund has sent to us receipt books which will be given to the authorised collectors producing identity cards issued by one of the Joint Honorary Treasurers of the Bombay Committee and bearing specimen signature of the collector himself. These receipt forms are printed in triplicate and receipts will be given to the donors after the authorised collectors have countersigned them. A copy of the receipt will be sent to the Provincial Office and the third copy will be sent to the Honorary Treasurer of the Central Committee.

I must make a special appeal to all the Commercial Firms, factories (both private and public) and other Associations to extend their co-operation to us in the discharge of this great national responsibility. Collections must be made collectively in firms and factories. That will be easier and more scientific and I am sure it will produce better results.

The following Banks and their Branches have been authorised for the collection of the Fund. The monies can be directly deposited in any of these Banks:—

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(5) United Commercial Bank Ltd.
(6) Punjab National Bank Ltd.
(7) Bombay Provincial Co-operative Bank Ltd.

The All-India Congress Committee in their resolution have appealed to all countrymen to contribute at least 10 days' income to this National Fund. That is only a minimum and is meant for the poor section of our countrymen. I am sure many citizens will gladly subscribe more than the minimum. If it is not possible to make 10 days' contribution in one instalment, it has also been decided to receive this contribution in three instalments in three months. The first and immediate instalment should be of four days' income and the next two of three days' each. The office will maintain a register of all authorised collectors along with a daily chart of collections made. I expect all Congress and other social workers to help this collection so that our City's quota can be collected within a short period. This is the National responsibility and we have to discharge it as quickly as possible.

MRS D. N. PRAKASH

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mrs. D. N Prakash delegate to the Milan Exhibition, will leave for Rome on Friday morning by T. W. A. plane.

TEXTILE MACHINERY FROM JAPAN

Mr. R. G. Mallaya, representative of National Cotton Company, Bombay-Sangli, left by air for Japan on Monday last to negotiate for purchase of textile machinery. He is expected to return to Bombay at the middle of May 1948.

WHERE TO GET A.I.C.C. TICKETS

The following announcement is made from the Congress House:—

A historic session of the All India Congress Committee is to be held in Bombay on 24th and 25th April on the Gandhi Maidan, to the west of the B. B. & C. I. Rly. between Churchgate and Marine Lines Station

It has already been announced that there will be accommodation in the pandal for about 50,000 people. Tickets ranging from ten rupees to Rs. 1000 - are now available. To provide facilities for the purchase of tickets the B.P.C.C. has opened the following centres:

1. CONGRESS HOUSE, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Bombay; 2. SMT. JAISHRIBEN RAIJI, Bhangini Samaj, near Vanita Vishram, Khetwadi Main Road, Bombay; 3. SMT. BABIBEN MULJI DAYAL, Bhatia Stri Mandal, Bazar Gate Street, Fort, Bombay; 4. SHRI MANEKLAL VAKHARIA, Bullion Mahajan, Zaveri Bazar, Bombay; 5 SHRI HIRALAL A. DAVE Cotton Exchange, Kalbadevi, Bombay; 6. SHRI M. M. MUNSHI, Bombay Cotton Merchants and Muccandams Association Ltd., Sewree, Bombay; 7. SHRI RATILAL KOTHARI, Diamond Merchants Association, Dhanji Street Mumbadevi, Bombay; 8. SHRI RATILAL B MEHTA, Suburban District Congress Committee, Ghatkopar. 9. M/s. BOMBAY GRAIN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, Masjid Bunder, Bombay; 10. M/s. GRAIN DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, Bhat Bazar, Bombay; 11. MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Industrial Building, Churchgate, Bombay; 12. SHRI RAMSAHAI PANDEY, Hindustani Merchants and Commission Agents Association, Kalbadevi Bombay; 13. SHRI J. B. KHANDELWAL, C Ward District Congress Committee, Kalbadevi, Bombay; 14. INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER, Churchgate, Reclamation Bombay 1.

CONGRESS SEVIKA DAL

Mrs. Leelaben Patel the adjutant, Congress Sevika Dal, announces:

Two training classes will be started from Thursday the 8th April 48, one at Congress House, 7, P. Road and another at Shivaji Park. Sevikas and Kumarikas residing in north Bombay are requested to attend classes at Shivaji Park and those residing in South Bombay are requested to attend the classes at the Congress House. The timings of the classes are from 5-30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

New enrolments are done at the Dal's office. Tickets for the AICC are being sold at the Dal's office from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For further information please contact Tel. No 45211.

Dange's Detention Order Upheld

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Coyajee)

Ziaul Hassan Siddique .... Petitioner
vs.
The Commissioner of Police and Another .... Respondents.

His lordship dismissed with costs a "habeas corpus" petition praying that the detention of Shripad Amrit Dange, a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, President of the All-India Trade Union Congress and a member of the Central Committee of the All-India Communist Party, was illegal and that he should be set at liberty. The detenu had been arrested in the early hours of the morning of 2nd April, 1948 under an order dated 1st April, 1948 passed by the Commissioner of Police under the Bombay Public Security Measures Act.

At the outset counsel for the petitioner humorously observed that the Court should take judicial notice of the fact that the detention order had been made "on the first of April". Relying on the decision reported in 18 Bom. 636 at 669, counsel for the petitioner contended that the words "the person known as Sripad Amrit Dange" in the detention order without any mention even of his place of residence, did not describe the person named with sufficient certainty and particularity. It was therefore argued that the detention order was vague and bad in law on the face of it, because there may be several persons known by that name.

His lordship stated that the decision in 18 Bom. 636 was the case of a warrant in a criminal case in which the Magistrate might not know who the person before him was. In the present case the detenu was known to the Commissioner and the order of detention had been served upon the detenu at his own residence. His lordship therefore dismissed the petition and ordered him to pay Rs. 300 to the respondents for costs.

Mr. Y. B. Rege with Mr. Mengle instructed by Messrs. K. J. Kale & Co., appeared for the petitioner.

The Advocate-General instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the respondents.

Three other "habeas corpus" petitions were also dismissed by his lordship on Thursday.

ASSEMBLY ELECTION ECHO

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

M. Y. Nurie .... Appellant (Original Respondent 4)
.....
vs
1. S. A. Dange,
2. Sir Harsidhbhai Divatia,
3. D. V. Vyas,
4. M. S. Noronha ..... Respondents

At an election held in 1946 for the seat allotted to the Bombay City and Suburban Textile Union Constituency in the Bombay Legislative Assembly, respondent 1 was declared elected. The appellant who was one of the contesting candidates preferred an election petition to the Governor of Bombay on 12th June, 1946 for the appointment of Commissioner for trial of the petition, for a declaration that the election of respondent 1 was void and that the appellant had been duly elected. On this petition a Government Notification was issued signed "By order of the Governor of Bombay, P. N. Moos, Secretary" stating that "the Government of Bombay" was pleased to appoint respondents 2, 3 and 4 as Commissioners for the trial of the petition. Respondent 1 objected to the jurisdiction of the Commissioners and filed the present petition for writs of certiorari and prohibition as well as an order under section 45 of the Specific Relief Act against respondents 2, 3 and 4.

The trial judge Mr. Justice Bhagwati held that the appointment of the Commissioners not having been made by the Governor exercising his individual judgment was bad as contravening the imperative Provisions of Section 59(1) of the Government of India Act which enacted that "all executive action of the Government of a Province shall be expressed to be taken in the name of the Governor." He therefore granted a writ of certiorary against respondents 2, 3 and 4 and quashed the proceedings before them.

Following the decision of the Federal Court reported in 49 Bom. L. R. 591, their lordships held, that the provision in section 59 (1) was not mandatory but was merely a directory provision prescribing the manner and form in which the order should be expressed. Holding that the appointment of the Commissioners was valid, their lordships therefore allowed the appeal, set aside the order of the trial judge, and ordered the proceedings to be restored to the Commissioner. Their lordships observed that there was no material to justify the trial judge's view that the Commissioners had taken up a partisan attitude and they were sure that he had not used the expression in its normal sense.

Mr. H. D. Banaji instructed by Messrs. Bhaishankar Kanga & Girdharlal appeared for the appellant.

Mr. L. M. Zaveri instructed by Messrs. K. J. Kale & Co., appeared for respondent 1.

The Advocate-General and Mr. J. A. Shah instructed by Messrs. Little & Co., appeared for respondents 2, 3 and 4.

G. S. B. CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY

The Foundation Stone of the buildings of the Goud Saraswat Brahman Co-operative Housing Society Limited will be laid by the Chairman Mr. L. S. Dabholkar, J.P. at 9-28 a.m. (S.T.) tomorrow (Saturday) in the Society's Estate at Shitaladevi Temple Road, Mahim.

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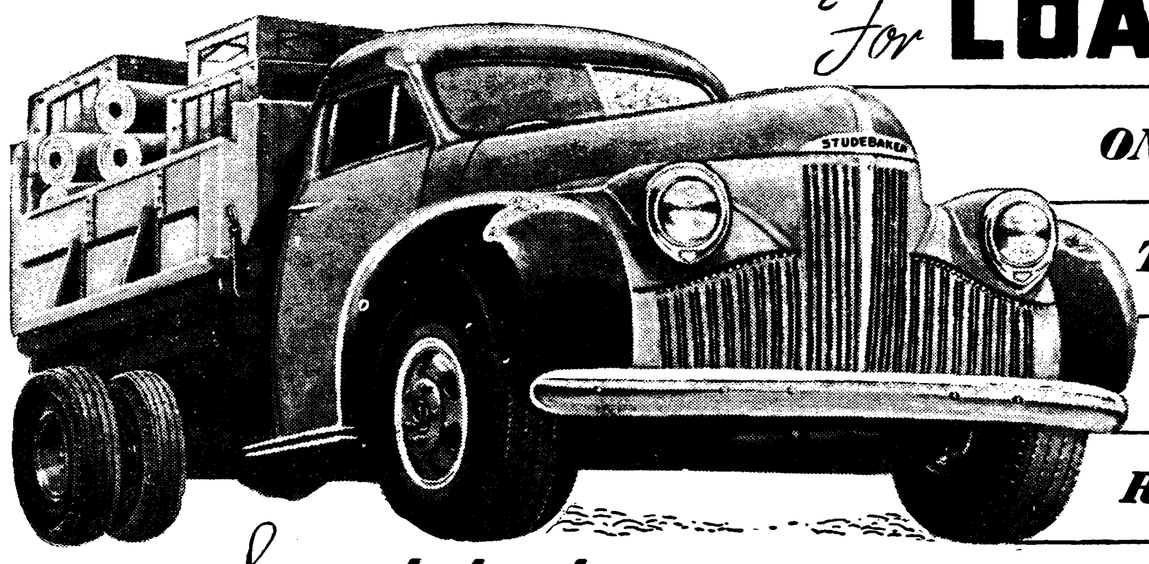

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WEATHER CHART

POONA, April 8. (A. P. I.): Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from 1st April 1948 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.). on 8th April, 1948 :—

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The history of man has been a continual struggle between the ideal of a moral community and the immoral forces of greed, stupidity and violence, individual and corporate. We must refine the spirit of patriotism so as to make it a pathway from man to mankind.

—Dr. Radhakrishnan

The Bombay Chronicle

ESTATE DUTY BILL

The debate which took place in Parliament the other day on the Finance Minister's motion to refer the Estate Duty Bill to the Select Committee shows that there is considerable misapprehension in the minds of some people regarding the scope and the principles underlying the Bill. For instance, Babu Narayan Singh, with a flourish that would have been more in place at a mass meeting, said that, if the Bill was circulated amongst the hundreds of thousands of villages which constituted India, he was sure that they would turn down the proposal. Now the Bill is obviously designed to prevent the accumulation of riches and will only affect a few wealthy persons. The draft bill has proposed an exemption limit of one lakh of rupees and one member has suggested that it may be brought down to Rs. 50,000. Besides agricultural land, being a Provincial subject, is excluded from the scope of the Bill though the Finance Minister has made the suggestion that Provincial Governments may enact similar legislation with respect to agricultural land. Therefore, the Bill would affect only the heirs and successors of persons who die leaving a total heritable property valued at over one lakh. Surely "the hundreds and thousands of villages that constitute India" are not peopled by persons of this category. The simple fact appears to be that whether through genuine misapprehension or other motives, some people are trying to raise all manner of legal and other difficulties to obstruct its progress.

The biggest of the legal difficulties raised was with regard to the position of the joint Hindu family. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, sought to make out that the Hindu joint family system, was based exactly on the same principle of equity as the one underlying the bill, namely, the prevention of the accumulation of wealth. A great deal was made by him as well as others of the fact that under the Hindu personal law, especially Mitakshara Law which applies in all parts of India except Bengal, even an unborn child inherits property the moment it is conceived. But it is ignored that, as long as the family remains joint, every member has only a contingent and not a vested interest in the joint property. The difficulty of ascertaining the share of the deceased in joint family property can be got over by assessing the share exactly at what he would have got if a partition had been effected at the moment of his death. The Finance Minister himself raised the position of a child that may die soon after birth. It should not be difficult to introduce a provision that Estate Duty becomes payable only in the case of a coparcener who has attained majority or is entitled to demand partition. These are by no means the only solutions. They show, however, that it is not beyond the ingenuity of lawyers—and there are only too many of them in Parliament—to devise some way out of every legal difficulty. Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, for instance, suggested that, as long as there was no single personal law in all India, this bill was bound to create some difficulties. It may not be a very long way off, when in the evolution of India as a nation all its nationals will be governed by a single personal law. But till that consummation is achieved the various personal law need not be brought up to defeat a measure of social policy.

And that really is the point of importance of this measure. It is not just a matter affecting succession or the distribution of wealth in various proportion to a few surviving heirs of the deceased as determined by his personal law. The basic idea is to devise a better distribution of wealth. India is committed to progress towards a socialist democracy and almost the first principle of socialism is the organised distribution of wealth in the best interests of the community as a whole. This is achieved partly by a steeply graded income-tax If there is an individual who, because of the absence in the past of a state policy in the matter or because of his extraordinary genius, ability or aptitude, has accumulated a vast hoard of wealth, the State steps in to see that at least a part of this wealth is taken over for the benefit of the whole community. This is achieved by the imposition of an Estate Duty, a Death Duty or a Succession Duty. It is not the name or the legal mechanism of its working that matters, so much as the principle of the thing. And that principle being sound and acceptable, a too narrow and legalistic view of the personal laws of property governing the various communities of this country must not be allowed to delay the Bill going on the Statute-book.

Frankly Speaking

Amazing Defence

A News Agency from Hyderabad gives what it states to be the broad outlines of the Nizam Government's reply to the Indian Note recently presented by Mr. K. M. Munshi The counter-charges made by the Nizam's Government are in the nature of an inevitable rejoinder so fashionable in diplomatic practice, and are either untrue or exaggerated. They can be dismissed as something that was not unexpected. But what amazes us is the Nizam Government's defence of the Majlis-i-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen and its Razakar Volunteer Corps. The violent activities of the Majlis and its private army are not denied. On the other hand, the Hyderabad reply seeks actually to justify them as an acceptable reaction to alleged incidents on the border and to Communist activities inside—inside!—the State

What It Means

Do the Hyderabad authorities realise what they are doing? They are declaring in their defence of the Razakars that they have abdicated their own functions and their authority—one of their pleas is the activities of Communists "inside" the State—to Mr. Syed Kazim Razvi, a private individual, and his private army. This confession alone is sufficient to condemn that Government and to lead to a number of consequences. Moreover, in addition to this confession, the Nizam's Government's virtual approval of the Razakars and their activities amounts to an announcement on its part that it has accepted and, indeed, adopted a private communal army, organised violence and general chaos as its own supplementary arm—the supplementary arm of a Government, when the very 'raison d'etre' of any Government springs from and depends on the denial and suppression of all that!

Think Again

Do the leaders of Hyderabad and of the Nizam's Government realise the implications of their Note? Do they realise that, if the Note is correctly reported, their apology for Governmental policy may lead to anything, literally anything? Do they also realise that, because of certain obligations in respect of security and so on implicit in the Stand-Still Agreement, the Government of India is being placed in the difficult and unpleasant position of taking notice of the Hyderabad Government's confession in terms of its own obligations? The Nizam's Government must think again in the interests not only of the people but also of itself.

Palliatives And Provocations

The hints thrown out regarding the new American proposal for solving the Palestine problem are far from reassuring. They reveal that the Western outlook on Palestine is still confused and ununderstanding. What is needed is to separate the problem of Palestine from the question of settling displaced Jews. The fact that Europe and America will not assimilate the Jews—and in Europe they are nationals who have every right to be helped by their Governments—is scarcely a proper reason for thrusting them on the Arabs. Why Palestine should be forced to absorb the Jews has not yet been satisfactorily explained. Events in recent months have amply proved that the effort to force the Arabs to acquiescence is the cause of bitter conflict and fierce violence. Instead of solving the Jewish problem, the attempt only creates another embittered community and a troubled land. In the confusion of mounting demands on either side, Lord Salisbury with genuine Tory ingenuity and contempt for lesser breeds has expressed the hope that Jews and Arabs can yet be made to listen to the voice of the United Nations. In fuller explanation he insists on Britain remembering that she is a member of the United Nations and discharging her responsibility to that organisation. What is needed is not voices but silent study of the Palestine affair in a mood of detachment and freedom from past commitments. Then only will Jew and Arab listen with reason for only then will reason dominate the issues involved.

Newspaper Industry

Whilst international delegates are debating the high principles of freedom of information, the Central Provinces Government has stolen a march over the rest of India by setting up a committee to inquire into working conditions in the newspaper "industry", with special reference to the general conditions of work affecting the editorial and other staff in the province. The C. P. inquiry is in a sense the application to a particular sphere of Pandit Nehru's generalisation that economics and politics are inter-related and they cannot be separated. It is doubtful, however, whether the best results can be hoped for from a committee which is largely composed of working journalists, from which class the whole evidence will come. The only two members unconnected with the profession are the Chairman who is a Sessions Judge and the Director of Information who is probably an ex-journalist. Whatever the outcome, the C. P. Government has, probably for the first time in India, approached the press in a realistic spirit, stripped of all exhortations to idealism and service. The press will find itself in a new situation: Instead of laying down the rights and wrongs of capital-labour disputes, it will expose its own internal quarrels. This should help the non-journalist world to view the journalist with a larger tolerance than has been customary so far.

Freedom From Bother

It is reported that three honourable members of the Bombay Legislative Assembly have become, in the gentle language of the speaker, "eligible for losing their seats" by "absence" from the House for more than sixty consecutive days. This meritorious performance, we believe, deserves some special attention, because it is specially difficult. All that a member has to do to be "present" is not necessarily to be seen on the floor of the House, much less to be heard. He has only to sign his name in a register for which trouble he will be duly compensated with the payment of his daily "batta". In the Poona sessions particularly many a member has been known, on a Saturday morning, to be speeding away towards Bombay in the Deccan Queen while being legally "present" in the Assembly. Secondly no single session of the House lasts for anything like sixty days and there is provision in the Rules of business to obtain leave of absence for a whole session, if need be, if only the member can devise a presentable reason. That there are members of the Assembly who could be absent—legally absent—for a whole session and a good part of another without being willing or able to find a reason for applying for leave of absence can be attributed to only one cause—their keen desire to be freed from the unbearable bother and discomfort of being members of the Assembly. And surely in a democratic country, such as India claims to be, no one dare deny them the right not to be bothered.

WILL NEHRU VISIT U. S. A.?

Delhi Official Circles Contradict Report

NEW DELHI, April 8, (A. P. I.): Official circles here deny the report emanating from foreign sources that the Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is likely to visit the United States of America. They suggest that, though President Truman would welcome Pandit Nehru visiting U. S. A., such a visit is not possible at this juncture due to Pandit Nehru's heavy preoccupations and the additional burden imposed upon him on account of the illness of the Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Patel

Gandhigram & Chandivali Co-op. Housing Society

Secretary, Chandivali Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., has issued the following statement:—

As various inquiries are being addressed to us regarding the accommodations to be provided at Gandhi Gram, Chandivali, to Sind refugees and as some misinformed persons are spreading incorrect information, it is necessary that people and particularly Sind refugees should know the facts and so the following are made public.

Chandivali Co-operative Society Ltd., has been registered under the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Societys Act, for the purpose of providing residential accommodation to Sind refugees only. The Society will admit 428 Sind refugees as members, half of whom will be Gujaratis—and other half will be Sindhis. Houses will be built by the Society at Gandhi Gram, Chandivali, land for which is given free of cost by Mr. Amritlal Sheth, for the purpose.

Any Sind refugee can apply for being member on a specially prescribed form which is available from Society's office at 136, Medows Street, with an entrance fee of Rs. 5.

Managing Committee of the Society will consider all the applications and will accept or reject application. If application is rejected the entrance fee will be refunded. If it is accepted, the applicant will have to buy at least five shares of the Society of Rs. 50 each.

Tenements are to be erected at Gandhi Gram. Each will consist of one three room self-sufficient block and will cost Rs. 6,600.

The Society will secure from the Government 75 per cent of the cost of the tenement as loan and 25 per cent will have to be contributed by the member. The loan will have to be repayed by suitable monthly instalments on full payment of which the member shall be the owner of the tenement.

At present, there are only 11 founder members and further 417 are to be enrolled. The applications are being received and the Managing Committee alone can decide on the acceptance or rejection of the application. Applications should be sent direct to the Secretary and no one is authorized to act as intermediatory or broker.

Tapase's Appeal To Karnataka People

HUBLI, April 7. (API): Mr. G. D Tapase, Minister for backward class and industry in a message to Karnataka on the eve of his departure from here this morning said: "many problems are here and the backward class problem has to be tackled very sincerely. Here the Government seek co-operation from the public. It is very fortunate the situation of this part is quiet and no breaches of peace and tranquility have place."

The Minister who visited many parts of the merged states, said that people of those places seemed to be happy over the merger of their places.

Second Line Of Defence For India

TERRITORIAL FORCES TO BE RAISED ON ZONAL BASIS

Baldev Singh Announces Details Of Scheme In Parliament

NEW DELHI, April 8, (A.P.I.): The Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh announced in the Dominion Parliament today details regarding the raising of a territorial force which he said would form a second line of defence and provide additional units to reinforce the regular army in an emergency. The total strength of the proposed territorial forces initially would be approximately 1,30,000 maintained on a zonal basis. The country would be divided into eight zones for the purpose.

RESTORATION OF PENSION

The Defence Minister made another statement in which he announced the restoration of pensions with retrospective effect to army personnel whose pensions in the past had been cut or withheld for political reasons. This would apply only to those domiciled in India or to those who had migrated from Pakistan to India.

GEN. BUCHER TO CONTINUE

In a third statement Sardar Baldev Singh reviewed the progress of nationalisation in the army. He referred to a previous statement of his in which he had said that it was hoped that by April 1, 1948 it would be possible to appoint an Indian C.-in-C. and General Bucher would become the senior adviser of the Indian army. Most of the commands today were held by Indians and there had been accelerated promotion of Indian officers. But they required opportunities of more experience and after careful consideration of every aspect of the question Government had decided that it would be in the best interests of the country and the army to retain for sometime longer General Bucher as the C.-in-C.

TEXT OF STATEMENT

Following is the text of the statement:—

"There has been a persistent demand in this House and outside in the country for imparting military training to young men. In a free country, this demand is natural and our people are justified in their concern for securing and preserving our hard-earned freedom. This explains the popular demand for military training and as I indicated in an earlier speech, the Government realise the force of this demand and have given this matter careful attention for the last few months.

There were two main reasons why we could not proceed with the scheme of this force sooner than now. First, we needed well-trained and first class officers for training purposes—for, obviously, if we employed inferior or incompetent men, the force would be of little use. Secondly, we did not wish to throw additional burden on the tax-payer and wanted to start the scheme simultaneously with the demobilisation of the present army. Although the difficulty of getting trained officers is more acute today than before, on weighing the problems afresh and in view of the wider issues involved, the Government have come to the conclusion that the scheme of the territorial force should be implemented without delay. They hope that the proposed territorial force along with the scheme of the National Cadet corps will go a long way to meet the public demand.

FEATURES OF SCHEME

I should like to indicate the broad features of the scheme for the information of the House

The role of this force would be (1) primarily to form a second-line to the regular army in the event of a national emergency, in other words, to provide additional units and the formations to re-inforce the regular army immediately an emergency arises. (2) in a national emergency to take on internal defence duties and relieve thereby the regular army of this responsibility, (3) to be responsible for anti-aircraft and coast defence and above all (4) to give the youth of India an opportunity of receiving part time military training so that, in an emergency, they would be capable of bearing arms for the country.

The territorial force will be composed of combatant, technical and administrative units to form a balanced force. It is always difficult to raise technical units quickly and therefore emphasis is being laid on the raising of such units. For example, it has been decided that volunteers from the staff of the Railways, Post and Telegraphs and Port Trusts should be formed into units for the operation of such services in the event of an emergency. The responsibility for anti-aircraft and coastal defence is generally undertaken in other countries by the non-regular army and on that analogy, it has been decided that in India the territorial army should take on this responsibility.

In its final picture, the territorial army would be officered mostly by officers with territorial Army Commission, but at this stage at the start, it will be necessary to post officers of the regular army for the raising and the training of the units of the territorial army. The period of training and terms of service are being worked out in detail. The broad idea is that every individual joining the territorial army should be required to undergo a period of intensive continuous training for a month or two every year and a certain number of drills each month. The age of entry would be so determined as to enable any able-bodied person who so wishes to join the force.

TOTAL STRENGTH

The total strength of the territorial force for the present is envisaged at approximately 1,30,000 and it will be raised and maintained on a zonal basis. The tentative plan is to divide the country into eight zones, zone one comprising Eastern Punjab, East Punjab States, Rajputana including Delhi Province: zone two United Provinces: zone three Central Provinces and Eastern States zone four Bombay and Kathiawar: zone five Madras including Mysore and Travancore: zone six Bihar and Orissa: zone seven West Bengal including Cooch Bihar: zone eight Assam including Tripura and Manipur. These zones correspond more or less to our present area commands.

It is hoped that it will be possible to raise all the non-technical units including the infantry battalions, the railway and port units and a number of other technical units, included in the plan, within one year. As the House will appreciate, the progress of this scheme will depend on the availability of instructors and equipment. The Hon'ble members can rest assured that every effort will be made to implement the scheme with utmost expedition. I am glad to say that we have already got started and an officer of Brigadier's rank has been appointed the Director, Territorial Forces in Defence Ministry. He will go ahead immediately in laying the foundations of the force and begin building it up as fast as circumstances permit."

RESTORATION OF PENSIONS

Sardar Baldev Singh said—"The Ministry of Defence have had under consideration the question of restoration of the pensions of ex-military pensioners forfeited on political grounds. I promised to inform the House of Government's decision during this session. The position is as follows:

The rules regulating grant of military pensions provide that an Indian Military pensioner convicted of a serious crime or who is guilty of grave misconduct of a political nature shall be liable to have his pension withheld or suspended in full or in part. In November 1924, for the first time, instructions were issued to District (now area) Commanders to enforce these orders and the power to withhold or forfeit pensions was delegated to them. A number of pensions payable to persons who participated in such movements since 1919 were forfeited under these instructions. The instructions in force provide for the restoration of these pensions" in consultation with the local Government or administration concerned "on application by the pensioner and on his giving an undertaking of future good conduct. In case of pensioners sentenced to imprisonment, action could only be taken on the pensioner's application after release.

The Government have now decided that all these pensions should be restored with retrospective effect from the date they were forfeited and that there should not be any necessity to consult the local authorities before restoration is ordered.

These orders will quite naturally, apply only to those who are domiciled in India and those who have migrated from Pakistan to India as a result of the division"

NATIONALISATION

On the progress of nationalisation, the Defence Minister said: "At a press conference in December 1947 I gave an outline of the programme and pace of Nationalisation as planned at the time. I am glad to inform the House that except for a small variation in regard to few individual appointments, we have been able to keep to the programme. We will need for some time, the services of some British officers and their number will be about 300. All these officers will be employed mostly in instructional establishments, technical arms and a few on the staff and as advisers. Their number will be reduced as and when Indian officers become available.

On the 15th August 1947, only half a dozen of the brigade and sub-area commands were held by Indians and there was no Indian officer commanding a division, an area or any of the army commands. The position today is that all the battalion and regimental commands are held by Indians except the command of three regimental training centres which is held by British Officers. The three army commands, all divisional commands, area commands, sub-area commands and brigade commands are or will before the end of this month, be held by Indian officers.

In the Navy and in the Air Force also, it has been possible for us to keep the programme of Nationalisation. For example, the plan was that out of a total cadre of 620 commissioned and 209 warrant officers, 60 commissioners and 70 warrant officers only would be British. This programme has been adhered to

In one important respect, however, Government have found it necessary to depart from the programme. It was hoped that by the 1st April 1948, it would be possible to appoint an Indian officer as the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army and that then General Bucher, the present Commander-in-Chief would become the senior adviser.

Due to the rapid progress of nationalisation, during the short period of few months, Indian officers have been called upon to hold charge of important positions which many of them ordinarily could not have held. In this position, they have had to shoulder heavy responsibilities in many instances, without adequate experience to their credit, I must say that they have proved themselves remarkably able and competent The enthusiasm with which they undertook new and big tasks was phenomenal.

EXTENSION FOR C.-IN-C.

The House will, I am sure, be glad to know this. The changes have been so many—so rapid—and conditions in the country so abnormal—that the situation was not as it was expected to be. We have excellent stuff in our Indian officers. Their zeal and capacity for work is unbounded. But they do need the opportunity of more experience and after very careful consideration of every aspect of the situation Government have decided that it would be in the best interest of the country generally and of the army in particular, to retain for some time longer the services of an experienced officer, like General Bucher, as Commander-in-Chief.

IMPROVEMENT IN CALCUTTA SITUATION

Employees Of Several Govt. Offices Resume Work

CALCUTTA, April 8, (A.P.I.): There was a definite improvement in the strike situation on Thursday, April 8 and about midday the employees of the Central Government offices at No 6, Esplanade, called off the strike and resumed work unconditionally, says a Press Note by the West Bengal Government

The Press Note adds: This example was soon followed by the employees of the Tea Controller's Office, the Coal Commissioner's Office and the Coal Accounts Office. Attendance in other offices was about 80 per cent. Earlier in the morning an attempt was made by some of the employees suspended for indiscipline to dissuade the other employees from resuming work. 91 arrests were made for picketing. There was no such activity in the afternoon.

"BACK TO WORK" CALL

CALCUTTA, April 8. (A.P.I.): Five Central Government Employees Unions in Calcutta to-day issued directives calling off the stay-out strike so far as their members were affected and asking them to report back to work.

These five Unions are affiliated to the Federation of Central Government Employees Unions in Calcutta which called the hunger and pen-down strike a week ago

House Committee Approves U. S. Air Force Increase

WASHINGTON April 7. (UPA) The House Armed Services Committee, 23 to zero, today approved a proposal that the United States air force strength be increased promptly from 55 to 70 groups, as the Senate Armed Services Committee questioned Defense Secretary James Forrestal and Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington about increasing air power.

Forrestal had already urged that the air force be limited to 55 groups, but he would reinforce these groups. The House committee requested President Truman to ask Congress promptly for $2,388,000,000 to cover the costs of enlarging the air force.

Democratic Senator Richard Russell at the same time, proposed that the Government draft industry, as well as manpower, for national defence "if necessary to get the equipment we need." He proposed that the Government be empowered to seize and operate any plants needed to equip the armed forces if the owner refuses Government contracts at a fair profit

U. S. Ambassador To Ceylon

WASHINGTON, April 8 (Reuter): The United States Senate confirmed yesterday the nomination of Mr. Felix Cloe, of the district of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Ceylon

Zone Commissioner's Office In Trieste To Go

TRIESTE, April 7 (Reuter): The Allied Military Government of the British and United States zone of the Trieste free territory decided today to eliminate the office of Zone Commissioner and all Municipal Offices held by Allied Officers. This is the first step towards expanding civil administration in the Government.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"There are 45 million Pakistan nationals still in India whose condition leaves much to be desired. Pakistan is very anxious that all that happens in India to these Muslims should be made known without hindrance to the outside world through the foreign press agencies".

—Mr S. A. Jawad, official Pakistan delegate to the United Nations Freedom Information Conference.

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Speaking in Parliament on Government's Industrial Policy, the Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru gave reasons against wiping the slate clean and observed: "Therefore, the alternative to that clean slate was to try to rub out here and there, to write on it gradually . . . . ".

It's quite all right so long as the new one represents the writing on the wall.

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A speaker in Parliament, to wit, Sir J. P Srivastava cited an American as asking him: "why do they regard capitalists in your country as criminals? In America they regard capitalists as patriots—bigger patriots than politicians (laughter)."

Because the politicians in America are—quite right, loud laughter.

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Explaining the recent action against communists in certain provinces of India, the Prime Minister has emphasised that "I have sympathy for their principles, but we had to put them down because the communists of India were aiming to create unrest among the people and seize power by creating chaos in the country"

We did have a sort of feeling that we were hearing faint sounds of a new slogan: "Communistan in Hindustan" Balletised version to follow later

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According to a New York report, Dr Alfonso Lopez, Colombian delegate to the Security Council, who is to preside over Council meetings during April, today set the goal for settlement of the Kashmir case on April 15 . . . ".

That is to say, the settlement of yet another Chairman's formula for negotiation, discussion and deadlock

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When the Chief of the British Imperial General Staff flew to Berlin the other day, "visibility over Gatow was", we are told, "so bad that Field Marshal Montgomery's silver Dakota was brought to land by radar".

That about sums up the whole International Situation too. Wanted a World Radar.

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Measures agreed on by member States of the Arab League to ban left-wing forces, communist elements and communist societies have now become law in Iraq.

This reaction of the Arab League to the dynamic evolution of never-changing communist policy from one democratic state to Partition of Palestine must be denounced as reactionary, warmongering Fascism And we do so

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Apropos of the conclusion of the treaty of friendship and military aid between Finland and Russia Moscow Radio announces that Marshal Stalin was present at the signing ceremony.

He may have been. But it only proves that he is not dead yet and certainly not that he is not suffering from cancer.

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From the proceedings of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in a recent case:

"The late Raja was married to the Ranee about 1878, but later he appeared to have become eccentric, devoted to religion and indifferent to his wife."

That would make him at worst only half an eccentric.

India's Resolution Passed At International Conference On Freedom Of Information

GENEVA, April 7 (UPA)—India's resolution favouring government aid for national news agencies passed on Wednesday at the International Conference on Freedom of Information after additional amendments were made by several other countries.

The final vote was 16 to five, with three abstentions, and it included the United States and Russia's opposition and Great Britain, Argentina, France and China approval of the Indian proposition

Federal Judge Orders Lewis To Appear In Court On Monday

WASHINGTON, April 7 (UPA)—Federal Judge Alan Goldsborough today ordered John L. Lewis to appear in Federal Court on Monday to explain why he should not be cited for contempt for defying a court order to end the coal strike.

Goldsborough said that if Lewis cannot explain satisfactorily why he defied the court order, Lewis shall be tried April 15. The judge cited Lewis for contempt upon a request from Attorney General Tom Clark.

Farewell Luncheon To Asaf Ali, Indian Ambassador

WASHINGTON, April 7 (UPA)—Acting Secretary of State Robert Lovett today gave a farewell luncheon at Blair Leo House for the retiring Indian Ambassador Asaf Ali

Among the guests were Defence Secretary James Forrestal, Interior Secretary Julius Krug and Agriculture Secretary Clinton Anderson.

Demand For Universal Military Training

INDIAN CADET CORPS BILL IN PARLIAMENT

Measure To Double Export Duty On Lac Passed

NEW DELHI, April 8, (A.P.I.): The Dominion Parliament today passed the Indian Lac Cess (Amendment) Bill and the National Cadet Corps Bill.

Discussion on the Bill to provide for the incorporation or road transport corporations had not concluded when the House adourned till tomorrow.

The Food Minister's Bill doubling the existing export duties on lac raises the existing rate of seven annas per maund on lac and five annas per maund on refuse lac would be raised to fourteen annas per maund and ten annas per maund respectively.

The Food Minister, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, said that the value of lac had increased considerably and under the new rates proposed the duty would be only 1.2 per cent of the value of lac

The fund would be utilised for promoting measures to increase cultivation of lac, for increasing utilisation of jute for industrial purposes and for expanding research work in lac.

During the debate a number of members complained that although the Lac Research Institute had been in existence for over thirty-five years nothing tangible had been done either in the way of substantial research or making available the results of any researches made to the cultivators.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Mr. Ram Narain Singh, Dr. Pattabhi Seetharamayya, Prof. N. G. Ranga, Seth Govind Das Mr. Chaliha, Mr. Lakshmikant Maitra and Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhry participated in the debate.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

The House resumed discussion of the National Cadet Corps Bill.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, welcoming the measure suggested that organisations like the Hindustan Scouts should also be brought within its scope.

Government, he said, should dispense with the qualification of a university degree for members of the Senior Cadet Corps. Military training could be imbibed far better by persons who had an instinct for it rather than by persons who were "merely very clever in books and obtaining degrees."

He also welcomed Defence Minister's announcement about Territorial Force.

Supporting the motion, Seth Govind Das said that the scheme should have been prepared on a much larger scale. He drew the attention of the Government towards the ordinance factory at Jubbulpore which, if run properly, could meet the shortage of arms.

ONLY THE BEGINNING.

The Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh, assured the House that the present scheme was only the beginning. When the target was reached, Government would have no objection to going ahead and authorising the provinces to expand the scheme. It was only after the scheme was put into operation that the provinces would be able to know the extent of the financial burden they could carry.

The divisions were open to boy scouts and there was no restriction of any kind whatsoever.

The Defence Minister emphasised that it was only if the public took an active interest that the scheme would be successful.

OPEN UNITS.

During discussion of clauses Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava emphasised the importance of open units. He was afraid, judging from the speech of the Defence Minister, that open units would not come into existence for some years, not to speak of months.

The Defence Minister assured him that it was not Government's intention to leave out open units. Naturally, Government wanted to go ahead with the Junior and Senior Divisions and after they had achieved some amount of success in the Senior Division, they wanted to go ahead with the open division.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

There was a heated debate when the Defence Minister explained that out of the seven non-official members to be nominated to the Central Advisory Committee, it was Government's intention that one or two should be members of the Assembly.

The principle of nomination of members of the House was objected to and Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava's amendment providing for the election of two members of the Central Legislature was ultimately accepted.

Earlier the House rejected Pandit Bhargava's amendment seeking to substitute the words "male student" and "female student" for the words "students of the male sex" and "student of the female sex".

"AN EYE WASH".

During the third reading Prof. Shibbanlal Saksena characterised the Bill as "an eye wash". The times were critical and the clouds of war were thickening. He felt that the Defence Department did not take into account India's critical position. India had to make up the leeway of 200 years. He said that every Indian capable of bearing arms must be trained. He hoped that very soon the Defence Minister would prepare a scheme to meet the country's needs.

PLEA FOR NATIONAL MILITIA.

Supporting the Bill Mr. Rohini Kumar Choudhury suggested that a Military Training Centre should also be set up in Assam, because Assam was a strategic point for the Defence of the country.

Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava said that the main drawback of the Bill was that it tended to maintain a distinction between rural and urban members of the army. He suggested the raising of a National Militia which would dissolve all such artificial divisions and build up a strong defence.

BILL PASSED.

Replying to the debate, the Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh, pointed out that neither in the case of the National Cadet Corps nor in the case of the Territorial Army was the total strength proposed inflexible. The schemes were really only a beginning. Later on, provided the finances and the resources of the country permitted it, it would be open to raise the strength of both these forces to half a million or one million. But he pointed out, at the present moment, there was a very great shortage of instructors and equipment.

The House passed the National Cadet Corps Bill.

ROAD TRANSPORT.

The House also passed the first reading of the Transport Member's Bill providing for the incorporation of Road Transport Corporations.

The Transport Minister explained that this was purely an enabling legislation, permitting a Provincial Government, if it so desired, to set up a Corporation to take over road transport. By passing this Bill, the Central Government or the House was not expressing itself either in favour of nationalisation of road transport or of implementing the policy of nationalisation by setting up Autonomous Corporations. Road transport, he pointed out, was a purely provincial affair and it would be for the various Provincial Governments and Provincial Legislatures to decide how to run it—whether by nationalising it, or having decided to nationalise, to run it by establishing a Corporation or let private enterprise continue to run it, were all matters for each Provincial Government to decide.

The present Bill only aimed at removing a technical constitutional difficulty under which the setting up of Corporations was a Central subject awithough road transport itself was a Provincial subject. By passing the Bill, the House was not giving a directive to Provincial Governments to proceed on any particular line in regard to road transport.

During the debate in which Messrs. K. Santhanam, Mr. Punjab Rao Deshmukh, Prof. N. G. Ranga, Dr. Pattabhi Seetharamayya, Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Mr. C. Subramanyam and Mr. Ramanarain Singh took part, some of the members urged that nationalisation of road transport would not work favourably to the interest of the people.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

BURMA GOVT.'S WAR ON 'RED' GUERILLAS

(Continued from Page 1)

tary police and air forces three days to regain this strongpoint and, according to the 'Communiques', 20 Communists were arrested and only three killed.

Another prominent Communist leader, Boh Thein Lin, was reported to have been killed fighting near Pyuntaza in central Burma and, another leader, Ba Than, was reported arrested in Meiktila.

In the Delta district of Pyapon, Communist leaders have been arrested and their headquarters locked and sealed by the police who imposed at 10 p.m. curfew on local inhabitants.

In the Burmese Parliament yesterday, Burma's Foreign Minister U Tin Tut said action was being taken to suppress Siamese dacoit activities along the Siamese border.

"Some dacoits have been captured alive with arms and others killed to prevent recurrences armed police are patrolling the border", the Foreign Minister said.

Along the Burmese frontier with China, a Burmese patrol fired on seven Chinese trucks alleged to be crossing into Burma without permits. Vernacular reports said one Chinese driver was killed and Chinese residents in the area attempted to mob Burmese officials.

U Tin Tut said these matters were being taken up by the Foreign Office.

PAKISTAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO VISIT GODHRA

NEW DELHI, April 8, (A.P.I.): Khwaja Shahabuddin, High Commissioner for Pakistan in India, will leave for Bombay by air on April 11 "en route" to Godhra to assess for himself the loss of life and property resulting from the recent riots there. While in Bombay, he will take the opportunity to discuss the Godhra incidents and subsequent developments with the Government of Bombay.

TEAR GAS ON JHARIA MOB

Communist Leaders' Arrest Sequel

JHARIA, April 7. (A.P.I.): Police had to use tear gas on Sunday last to disperse a crowd which tried to obstruct a police van carrying two Communist labour leaders who had been arrested near Alkosha Nayadee colliery.

The crowd which comprised about a thousand workers and included women dispersed after tear gas was used. Twenty-two workers were arrested on the spot for obstructing the police van.

20,000 Raiders On Jammu And Kashmir Fronts

NEW DELHI, April 8. (A. P. I.): Just over 20,000 raiders are now in Jammu and Kashmir engaged in fighting on various fronts, enquiries at Western Command Headquarters now reveal.

A third of this number, that is, between six and seven thousand are spread over the Kashmir Valley, mainly on the Uri Front. The bulk of raiders, numbering about 14,000, operate in the Jammu Province on the Naushahra, Poonch and Bhimber sectors.

Training Of Indian Engineers Abroad

The Government of Bombay is in a position to offer training facilities to Indian engineers in overseas countries. The training will be given by the firms with which the Government has placed contracts for the supply of plant and equipment for the Electric Grid schemes.

The detailed particulars and the requisite application forms can be supplied to candidates with suitable engineering qualifications by the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of Bombay, Foreshore Road, Bombay. The applicants should address their request for such information along with a large self-addressed envelope with postal stamps of the value of As. 3-1/2.

The candidates nominated for the training will have to bear themselves the entire expenditure of their training including that of passage, etc.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT'S LOAN

In order to facilitate the resettlement of non-Muslim refugees coming from Western Pakistan who desire to settle as agriculturists in the Bombay Province the Government would give such financial and technical agricultural assistance as may be necessary.

Financial assistance will be given for procuring seed, cattle, agricultural implements, food and fodder till the time of the next harvest, building and or repairing of houses, etc

TAGAI LOANS

Tagai loans and assistance in kind will also be given to Co-operative Societies or other Joint Organisations of refugee settlers.

The Government has also instructed its Officers of the Departments of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science and Agricultural Engineer to give such technical help and guidance to the refugees settlers as is possible.

The Government of Madras has issued a Notification, under section 19 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, declaring to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies, wherever found, of the booklet in Telegu entitled "Mahatma or.....?" by Pydepati Raghavayya. The Notification is being republished in the Bombay Government Gazette for general information.

BAN ON SALE OF ARMS

The ban in the Poona District on the selling of arms and ammunition to any licence holder, without a special permit from the District Magistrate, will continue to remain in force for a further period of two months from April 7.

The deserted village of Ashawala in the Halol taluka of the Panch Mahals District has been amalgamated with the inhabited village of Halol in the same taluka of the same District.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVT. DECISION ON TRIESTE

ROME, April 8. (Reuter): The Allied Military Government in the free territory of Trieste has announced that as from April 12, the Civil Administration of the Anglo-American Zone will be transferred to the local Italian authorities, according to an Allied 'communique' quoted by Rome newspapers. The office of the Zone Commissioner and all communal government will be abolished with the titutions of the Allied Military Government exception of those at Muggia, south of the city, which is close to the Yugoslav frontier.

LONDON, April 8. (Reuter): The Big Powers' deadlock on the appointment of a Governor of the Adriatic port of Trieste, a principal battleground in the "cold war" between East and West, was the direct cause of the Allied Military Government decision, announced tonight, to transfer almost all local administration to the Italians, it was authoritatively stated here.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, April 8.

Investment demand in London's Stock Markets was to-day conspicuous by its absence. There was however a certain amount of speculative activity favouring South African free state gold mines and South American utilities. Among the former, middle wits rose to thirty-three and nine with rumour-mongers again reaping a harvest of the rise which took place on hopes of good developments in the near future. Other non-payers were also in demand at the expense of established dividend payers.

On news of take-over of Rosario drainage by the Argentine Government, Anglo-Argentine trams and other utilities were bought and recorded improvements. The Giltedged market to-day looked very sick as the result of small selling. Losses were up to a quarter per cent with new electricity three per cents at ninety-seven and three-quarters.

Movements among industrials were generally small and prices remained steady as a whole.

Oils recorded some irregularity with profit-taking reducing Venezuelan oil concessions to five and eleven-sixteenths.

Among foreign bonds, Brazilian issues were again supported.

U.S. Ammunition For Italy

VIENNA, April 8, (U.P.A.): The Soviet Army German language newspaper, "Costerrichische Zeitung" claimed today in its banner story that during the past two months "well over 80,000 tons of American arms and ammunition had passed through the French zone of Austria for Italy".

The account, carried under Innsburck (capital of the French zone) deteline claimed that ten trains, guarded by American soldiers, pass through the French zone of Austria weekly bringing arms and ammunition from the United States zone of Germany to Italy

A spokesman for the United States forces in Austria said this command had "no knowledge of the Soviet allegations". He said thorough investigations into the Soviet statement would be made.

Chancellor Leopold Figl's spokesman said the Austrian Government so far "has not received any information of ammunition transported to Italy through Austrian territory"

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PRINCIPLES FOR E. R. P. PROGRAMME

NEW YORK April 7 (UPA) Paul Gay Hoffman is a highly successful business man who does not look or act like the traditional picture of a high-powered American super-salesman.

He is a simple, unemotional man who genuinely believes in the product that he sells. As the administrator of the European Recovery Program, he will apply the same business management techniques that enabled him to pull to Studebaker Corporation out of a financial crisis.

Within a few hours after his appointment as ERP head, he set forth three principles that he believed should be followed in the program:

Firstly, the ERP countries must save themselves from economic disaster. American aid can only help them to help themselves.

Secondly, western Europe's present industrial and agricultural production can be increased by one-third. He calls this a hard-boiled appraisal.

Thirdly, trade with eastern Europe must not be shut off, but should be built up.

Hoffman got the first hint that he might become the ERP administrator when he was in Honolulu, Saturday night. A message from the White House asked him if he would consider taking the job.

He said: "I did not know how I could say no. I could not turn it down, since the job is an opportunity to fight for peace."

The Government assignment will pay him 20,000 dollars yearly. He has been earning 96,000 dollars.

Hoffman is mild-mannered, he neither smokes nor drinks. His bright blue eyes are his most distinctive physical features

He described himself politically as a "Republican—*responsible*". Hoffman said that the "responsible" label meant he might take the liberal side on some occasions.

Dispersal Of Refugees From Kurukshetra Camp

SIMLA, April 7 (API): Allotment of land to non-Muslim soldiers from West Punjab, dispersal of refugees from Kurukshetra Camp, provision of roofed accommodation for refugees in dilapidated houses after repairs, it is understood were among the subjects discussed at today's meeting of the Joint Rehabilitation Board, Mr. K. C. Neogy, Minister for refugees, Government of India presided.

It is understood that the scheme to provide accommodation to refugees in soil stabilisation houses will be extended to three more towns. Originally it was planned to construct such houses in twelve towns.

3 BANK EMPLOYEES ARRESTED

Misappropriation Of Rs. 59,530 Alleged

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Three Clerks of the Punjab National Bank, Bombay, who jointly planned to proceed to California by the alleged method of raising easy money came to grief and found themselves in the clutches of the Princess Street Police yesterday.

Kishanlal Iqbaldas Marwah, D. A. Panjaratan and Jagdishchandra Hansraj Chawla, the men concerned were arrested on Wednesday along with two other accomplices on a charge of misappropriating Rs. 59,530 by manipulating the bank accounts.

The Police stated at the Esplanade Police Court today that a fortnight ago the accused planned to visit California and that they found the cash by not crediting cheques submitted to the bank by various parties. It is alged that they managed to carry out this fraud by destroying paying slips. Kishanlal is said to have collected the amount thus raised and deposited it in another bank in the name of a Company. Abdul Majid Suleman an employee of the Bank, is stated to have received Rs. 2,200 as his share for introducing the first accused to the bank to enable him to open an account.

Prannath Jagnath Kapadia, a brother-in-law of the first accused, who was also arrested for alleged complicity, is reported to have destroyed the Bank cheque books on hearing of the latter's arrest.

All the accused were remanded into police custody by Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate.

BANK EX-SECRETARY ARRESTED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. M. C. Jhaveri, former Secretary of the A.B.C. Bank, now under liquidation, was arrested today by the Princess Street, Police in connection with the alleged misappropriation of Rs. 3 lakhs. This amount it is stated, was deposited by the Union Bank of India for the purchase of Bhopal State loan bonds.

Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, released him on bail on a sum of Rs. 5,000 at the Esplanade Court today.

CHARGE OF CONTRAVENING CONTROL ORDER

BOMBAY, Thursday

For an alleged contravention of Iron and Steel (Control, Production and Distribution) Order, T. K. Burmawala was arrested by Bombay Police, yesterday.

He is alleged to have used a permit for steel, which belonged to somebody else. The Provincial Iron and Steel Rationing officer had issued permits for 20 tons of steel each, to the Bombay Trunk manufacturers Association, and the Bombay Trunk Factory Owners' Association. By mistake both were sent to the former association. The accused, it is alleged, used both the permits.

The accused was released on bail, at Mazagaon today.

PENSIONS TO BRITISH SERVICES IN INDIA

Lord Wavell's Poser In Lords

LONDON, April 7 (Reuter)—Earl Wavell, former Viceroy of India, complained in the House of Lords today that while the personnel of the Secretary of State's services had been generally compensated after the transfer of power, the rank and file of the British services in India had been left to shift for themselves.

Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies, who replied, said that it was expected that an opportunity would arise during the summer for discussion with the India and Pakistan Governments on the general question of capitalisation of pensions for Secretary of State services and non-Secretary of State services. An opportunity would be found to discuss the provisions of proportionate pensions for men not in the Secretary of States secrvices.

Arrested For Alleged Blackmarketing In Bricks

BOMBAY, Thursday

Chatrasing Pransing Chawan was arrested by Bombay C.I.D., for an alleged offence of sale of bricks at black market rates.

Accused was released on bail at Mazagaon Court.

MILL STRIKES IN MARCH

Heavy Loss In Production

Strike activity in the Province showed an increase during March, 1948 as compared with the previous month. During the month under review the stike in the Sholapur Textile Mills, which commenced from March 5, 1948, was responsible for about 49 percent of the workers involved in all the strikes and about 71 percent of the total time loss. Preliminary reports for March 1948 indicate 64 strikes involving 62,028 workers with a time loss of 495,568 man-working days as against 36 strikes in February 1948 involving 26,095 workers and a time loss of 139,362 days. In January there were 54 disputes involving 42,528 workers and a time loss of 232,481 days. Seven of the disputes in March had commenced during the preceding months.

The strike of 2,436 workers of the New Pratap Spinning and Weaving Mill, Dhulia (W.K.) involved a loss of 54,036 working days. The strike in the Freelandganj workshop, Dohad (Panch Mahals) which commenced from March 2, involving about 3,700 workers accounted for a time loss of more than 29,000 working days upto March 13. Other disputes of importance during the month were the strike in the Shree Ram Mills, Bombay, involving 2,237 workers and a time loss of 5,777 man-working days and the dispute between 2,950 workers of the Raymond Woollen Mills, Thana and their employees which accounted for loss of 5,900 days.

Twenty-eight of the 57 disputes that commenced during the month arose over questions of pay and allowances, 11 over bonus issues while nine related to the employment of individuals and three to leave and hours and the remaining six to other causes.

The Textile industry was responsible for 30 of the 57 disputes that started during the month, Engineering for 7 and miscellaneous industries such as Tobacco manufacturing, Glass-works, Rubber Works etc. for the remaining 20.

Of the 64 disputes in progress during the month, 40 were reported in Bombay City, 8 in Sholapur, 5 in Ahmedabad, two each at Broach, Surat and Thana and one each at Poona, Dhulia, Dohad, Borsad and Bijapur

Forty-four of the disputes terminated during the month, 25 in favour of employers four in favour of workers, four in compromise, while inconclusive while the result of the remaining eight disputes was indefinite. At the end of the month 20 disputes were recorded unterminated.

WHAT CAUSES HOUSING SHORTAGE IN BOMBAY?

Upto the advent of World War II in 1939, houses could be secured in Bombay and suburbs on reasonable rent without any difficulty. In fact, a large number of 16,000 tenements put up by the Development Department at Worli, Sewri and Naigaum remained unoccupied for a long time, said Mr. T. C. Kantawala, in the course of a broadcast talk.

Mr. Kantawala continuing said:—With the condition brought about by the devastating war, building materials became scarce and their prices rose abnormally. The Military requirements during the war, monopolised all the available building materials. According to the census of 1941, the population of the City and Suburbs was 14.89 lacs and 1.70 lacs respectively. However, as per figures obtained from the Rationing Office the estimated population of the City in 1945 stood approximately at 23 lacs and that of the Suburbs at 3 lacs, making a total of 26 lacs. Since 1945, the population has increased further partly due to the ever increasing influx from the rural area, and partly due to the exodus of non-Muslims from the Pakistan area after 15th August 1497. The total population in the Greater Bombay may be taken as at least 30 lacs—25 lacs in the City and 5 lacs in the Suburbs.

According to the records of the Bombay Municipality there are at present, 3,28,000 residential tenements of which as many as 2,35,000 or 70 per cent are only one-room tenements, 53,000 or 16 per cent two-room tenements and 40,000 or 14 per cent three-room or larger tenements.

8 PER TENEMENT

In these 3,28,000 tenements there dwell today as many as 25 lacs of persons. This gives an average of 8 persons per tenement. More than 75 percent of the total population live in one-room tenements. The floor space per person thus comes to 12.5 to 15 s. ft. Compare this with standard of floor space of 40 sft. per convict allowed in the Bombay jail.

The question of housing for the City of Bombay which has grown far beyond its capacity, has become a major problem of the City, and it is very imperative that it should be solved without delay by the joint efforts and willing co-operation of Government, Municipality, employers of labour and the general public, in a well-planned and co-ordinated manner

With the outcry of public opinion against the soaring rents and the practice of taking pugree, Government has enacted two important legislations viz. (1) The rent restriction act and (2) The requisitioning lands and premises Act. The two acts have no doubt served their purpose of stabilizing the rents of existing premises and curbing the anti-social practice of "pugree". It has however been urged that they merely treat the symptoms and not the main disease which has given rise to them. Far from curing the main disease of the shortage of housing the Acts have accentuated matters and all incentive to capitalists to build new houses has been damped if not killed. Unless the standard rent that may be fixed for new premises takes into account the difficulties of landlords the calculating class of Capitalist would naturally remain aloof.

The present conditions in the building trade have scared away private builders. What once was considered safe, stable, secure and favourite mode of investment is now considered as troublesome, insecure and losing.

We have seen the causes which have brought about the present acute shortage of housing in Bombay. Let us now consider the magnitude of the problem and the measures required to solve it and the positive steps taken by Government in that direction.

As per recommendation of the Housing Panel, it would be necessary to provide new houses for atleast 4 lacs of persons in Bombay and 6 lacs in the Suburban area i.e. for a total population of 12 lacs. The approximate cost of each such tenement of permanent construction in Bombay would be about Rs. 8000/- exclusive of the cost of and at the present market rates. The cost of constructing 3 lacs tenements would be Rs. 325 crores—240 crores for buildings and Rs. 85 crores for land including development charges. This burden apparently would be beyond the capacity of Government to bear without the willing co-operation of the general public.

Apart from the difficulty of finance, the shortage of essential building materials such as bricks, cement and steel is another limiting factor in the construction of permanent buildings of the modern type. In order that essential building materials may not be used in constructing non-essential buildings and conserved and utilized for residential buildings of moderate size, Government has recently promulgated an Ordinance which prohibits the construction of buildings in which essential building materials are proposed to be used, without permits.

The Housing Board set up by Government has fixed a target of 1,25,000 tenements to be completed in five years by all agencies, Government, Government-aided and private enterprise. Of this, about 55,000 are to be in the City of Bombay. The share of Government for direct construction in the whole Province is at present restricted to 15,000 tenements in five years, at a cost of Rs. 7½ crores, exclusive of the cost of land. Of these, about 6600 tenements would be in Greater Bombay

ASSISTANCE TO SOCIETIES

It has also been proposed to assist Co-operative Housing Societies, employers of labour and private builders by giving them loans at cheap rates of interest to be repaid by instalments within a period of 35 years. With this assistance it is hoped that 48,000 tenements would be provided in a period of 5 years to make up the total of 55,000 as per target set up for Bombay. Even if this target of 55,000 is reached it would still leave a gap of 2,45,000 tenements out of 3 lacs required. It is thus inevitable that private enterprise should be harnessed if the existing shortage is to be removed in an effective manner as quickly as possible.

Even in regard to the restricted programme of direct construction undertaken by Government, it is found that the acute shortage of essential building materials such as bricks, cement and steel hampers the construction of permanent buildings of R.C.C which is so much in vogue in recent years in Bombay. It is therefore necessary to take recourse mainly to semi-permanent structures of ground floor only with available materials.

The anxiety to provide a large number of new tenements in the shortest possible time, leads one to consider the possibility of prefabricated houses. There has been a lot of loose talk about "Prefabrication" and Research in the building trade. These two words are amongst those unfortunate ones from which far too much is expected.

It is an open question whether any alternative form of walling is on the whole better or cheaper than a well-built brick or stone wall.

BUILDING ACTIVITIES

The Housing Organisation in its short period of existence has spread its activities in various directions. In the field of direct construction, it has started the work of permanent and semi-permanent buildings in the City of Bombay, Suburbs, Ahmedabad and Sholapur utilizing Government and Municipal lands and acquiring private lands where necessary. To assist Co-operative Housing Societies, it has acquired large tracts of land for being developed, and has reserved Government lands suitable for the purpose. Rules have also been framed for giving financial assistance in the form of loans at cheap rates of interest to Co-operative Housing Societies, employers and private builders.

The activities already undertaken and those contemplated in the near future in the City of Bombay and Suburbs may be stated as under:—

700 permanent tenements, 2000 semi-permanent and 1700 conversion of military hutments at a cost of Rs. 170 lacs and the acquisition and development of 250 acres of land at a cost of Rs. 480 lacs have been undertaken by Government.

Thus about 4416 tenements will be provided by direct construction in a period of 2 years and 900 acres of lands will be developed for Co-operative Housing Societies and private builders which would provide accommodation for about 18,000 to 20,000 tenements.

POLITICS INVADES SPORTS

LONDON, April 7 (Reuter)—The Football Association today announced the cancellation of the international match between England and Czechoslovakia, arranged for Prague on May 8.

An announcement said that, having been informed that the organisation with which it conducted negotiations for the match is no longer in being, it was impossible to fulfil the fixture until the new organisation had been accepted to membership with F.I.F.A. (the International Football Federation).

This, it is understood, will not take place until the F.I.F.A. Congress next July.

It has not yet been decided which of the invitations received from other national associations abroad shall be accepted by the football association.

LISBON, April 7, (UPA): Police occupied a building today which formerly housed the Yugoslav Legation.

Unofficial reports said that the police had confiscated some communist propaganda.

The Legation does not now have official recognition, although some clerks still work in the building. The Charge d'affaires returned to Belgrade two years ago and not been replaced.

Six Views On Atomic Control

With the spectre of the third world war already looming on the horizon, the control of the atom bomb becomes a paramount issue. For the A-Bomb is not merely a weapon of war: it is an instrument of genocide! The "Bombay Chronicle Weekly" presents next Sunday six views of eminent and representative Americans on the question of atomic control

Kashmir Calling

Summer is here and one thinks of the Sylvan Glens and lovely gardens of Kashmir: for Kashmir is calling still in spite of the ordeal through which she is passing. We present a pictorial feature next Sunday in furtherance of Premier Sheikh Abdulla's cordial invitation to visit that paradise on earth.

When In Paris

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This is, we suppose, a sufficient preview of

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SEEING THE SHOWS WITH "SARDI"

"Jassy": Hearty, Old-Fashioned Melodrama—Ali Baba Comes To Town Again—"Boom Town" Booms Once More

Regal

JASSY (G-F-D Gainsborough)
Principal Players: Margaret Lockwood, Dennis Price, Patricia Roc, Dermot Walsh, Cathleen Nesbitt.

Director: Bernard Knowles.

This period piece is recklessly melodramatic, for all the world like a Charles Garvice novel. Lords, ladies, lackeys and a gipsy all frolic through some ludicrous situations. Histrionics often deteriorate into heroics through no fault of the players who have to grapple with outlandish happenings.

The picture's greatest weakness is its lack of continuity which makes the whole appear jerky. The technicolour is just a little too garish. In places, it positively blinded me.

Sir Christopher Hatton gambles away "Mordelaine", his ancestral home, to Nick Helmar. Barney, the former's son, falls in love with Jassy, a gipsy, who is then sent away by Mrs. Hatton to the finishing school where Helmar's daughter Dilys is a pupil. An escapade results in Dilys taking Jassy to "Mordelaine" as a friend.

Complications galore now enter the plot. Jassy and Dilys both adore Barney, the former devotedly, the latter superficially. When the sadistic Helmar horsewhips Dilys, she flies, not to Barney but to a former wealthy lover.

Jassy marries Helmar with "Mordelaine" as a dowry, after which comes the dawn of cinematic parlance, when she refuses her reprobate husband his conjugal rights, thus avenging her father's death, in the past, by Helmar's hand.

After an accident, Helmar is found poisoned and Jassy and a dumb maid devoted to her, are both accused of murder. The trial scene is fairly suspenseful, particularly when Jassy's gipsy inheritance of second sight is temporarily turned against her as incriminating evidence. The end is sheer hokum, for the dumb girl miraculously regains her speech under stress, and clears Jassy who, as needs no guessing, finds happiness with Barney at "Mordelaine".

Lacking in both art and artifice, this ingenuous melodrama is redeemed, to a certain extent, by its splendid cast composed of some of Britain's finest actors, as I can vouch for them, having seen several of them on the West End stage. Margaret Lockwood in the title role, is convincing enough, but Patricia Roc is stilted as Dilys. Dermot Walsh displays a naive charm in the role of Barney, with Dennis Price rather wooden as his father, Basil Sydney domminates the principals in the part of the bibulous Helmar.

It is amongst the small-part players that one finds the biggest names and the most fascinating performances: Nora Swinburne is utterly charming as Mrs. Hatton: Cathleen Nesbitt fearfully domineering as a headmistress: Ernest Thesiger delightful in the role of a nobleman and John Laurie forceful as Jassy's father.

Victorian frills tinged with Lavendar. Take a whiff.

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Strand

ALI BABA GOES TO TOWN (20th Cen. Fox)

Principal Players: Eddie Cantor, June Laing, Douglas Dumbrille, Tony Martin, Roland Young, John Carroline.

Director: David Butler.

Rhyme and reason take a holiday in this re-issue of a Cantor favourite over a decade old—or do they? Methinks there is some method in all the madness. Examined carefully, the humorous inanities are broadsides aimed at modern modes and customs, amongst them the hectic Presidential electioneering campaigns of the U.S.A.

Lovely June Laing and handsome Tony Martin make a charming couple in "Ali Baba Goes To Town" (Strand.)

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Al, a country bumpkin and inveterate film-fan and autograph-hunter, on his way to Hollywood, finds himself on the film set of a unit on location. He is given the role of an 'extra' in a scene depicting Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. While hidden in one of the jars prior to the shooting of the sequence, an overdose of medicinal tablets transports him, in fancy, to the Bagdad of Ali Baba.

Imagining himself still playing the bit assigned him, he proceeds to stab the wicked Prince Musah with the film's dummy dagger. As punishment, he is condemned to die with his own weapon, but when this fails to work, he is hailed as Ali Baba's magician son and appointed Chief Counsellor to the Sultan. The latter's wife is in league with Musah to have her daughter, the Princess, married to him rather than Yusuf, a commoner.

The Sultan, to ensure the Princess's happiness with her lover, decider, on the advice of Ali Baba, to renounce his royal title in favour of Presidentship, his election being ensured as there is no rival candidate. But the wicked Sultana starts a movement to set up Ali Baba as one, and exposes him as a traitor when he is a elected by a majority.

Ali Baba, escaping from the Sultan's wrath, discovers a magic carpet and flying on it overcomes Musah's hosts—and then Al, the bumpkin, wakes up on the film set.....

It is not so much the funny situations as the sly digs at 'modernitics', that cause one to laugh and turn the picture into a gigantic skit. Songs and dance numbers are happily interspersed.

Eddie Cantor is, of course, Ali Baba in the best Cantor style. Tony Martin, looking very dashing in Oriental costumes, as Yusuf, makes a pleasant fail for June Laing who plays the Princess. Roland Young, as the Sultan, has his tongue in his cheek most of the time, while Douglas Dumbrille in the role of the wicked Musah, is adequately repellant.

Go To Town With Ali Baba

Nora Swinburne and Dennis Price in "Jassy" (Regal.)

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Metro

BOOM TOWN
Principal Players: Spencer Tracy, Claudette Colbert, Clark Gable, Hedy La Marr.

This was obviously made when all-star casts first became the rage, years ago. There is a slick pace to the production, and a chic style to the acting.

Against a background of oil fields and oil business, much oil is poured on the romantic flames of the leading quartet, and it is only at the end that oil is poured on troubled waters. Two friends, Big John and and Square John, discover in a remote oil field that they are both in love with the same girl, whom Big John wins. They both have ups and downs till they eventually become oil barons and rivals. Big John then forsakes his wife for a sophisticated woman who helps him in his work.

To save his friend from the siren's clutches, Square John attempts to ruin him, but instead finds the plan hit back like a boomerang. Big John is prosecuted by the state for his ruthless practices, but his friend saves the situation with a fine speech during the trial.

All ends well, with the siren making a graceful, self-imposed exit and the two friends pairing up as partners.

Spencer Tracy steals the picture with his fine performance as Square John who loses the only woman he has ever loved, to his best friend. I found Clark Gable pleasantly nonchalant as Big Jorn, and Claudette Colbert sweet as his wife. Hedy La Marr poses beautifully in the part of the other woman. Why act when she can look so alluring?

Though this is a return picture, there may be a boom at the Metro box-office.

Dena Bank's Chairman, Mr. P RANLAL DEVKARAN NANJEE, gave a Lunch on Thursday at Taj in honour of Mr. Ramdas Kilachand, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber. Distinguished gathering consisted of Sir Chintaman D. Deshmukh, Governor, Reserve Bank; Sir Ardeshir R. Dalal, Seth Walchand Hirachand, Mr. M. A. Master, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Tariff Board, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Sir Rahimtoola M. Chinoy, Mr. M. G. Mehkri, Deputy Governor Reserve Bank of India, Sir Fazal I. Rahimtoola, Mr. Ratilal M Gandhi, President Shroffs Association Ltd., Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand, Mr. A. P. Sabavala, Sir Behram N. Karanjia, Mr Pahyabhai V. Patel, Mr. J. C. Setalvad, Mr. M. H. Hasham Premji, Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji, Mr. Panalal M. Chinai, Mr Devji Rattansey, Mr. Shriyans Prasad Jain, Mr Jayaprakash R. Trivedi and Mr. A. C. Ramalingam.

YARN CONTROL TO BE LIFTED

NEW DELHI, April 8, (A. P. I.): The Government of India have decided to lift the existing control on the distribution of yarn, it is understood. This decision followed a meeting of the Textile Advisory Committee, held here. The Government are believed to have taken a serious view of the rise in cloth prices and on the assurance given by the representatives of the millowners have allowed the lifting of voluntary control of prices so far exercised by the millowners. The Government have, however, undertaken to review the price situation in June and adopt suitable action to ensure highest production, maximum distribution and reasonable price conditions.

SURAT, April 8 (API).—Mr. M. K. Deshpande, Collector of Surat, has banned the Hali (Landless Labourers) Conference scheduled to be held here on May 1.

The Collector in his oan said that Communists have been inciting the halis in several areas of the district and thus creating a threat to public peace.

Leave Pen And Paper And Turn Your Attention To Tractors

Indian Delegates' Plain Speaking To F. A. O. Counci'

WASHINGTON, April 8 (Reuter): Mr S Y Krishnaswamy Indian Delegate to the Food and Agricultural Organisation, last night told F.A.O. Council "it is time for us to convert high ideals into practical action."

In the east food shortage meant starvation and death instead of mere belt tightening, he said.

"Let us turn from the conference to the field" he went on. "Let us devote our attention to tractors and ploughs and less to pens and paper."

Mr. Krishnaswamy made his appeal for development of the practical aspects of the organisations activities after Sir John Boyd Orr, Director General of the F.A.O., had declared that even with bumper harvesting the world would not nearly have surmounted its food problems in 1948. Sir John had said the task on the F.A.O. was to help develop food resources to the utmost with the object of doubling food production in the next 25 years, which was the absolute minimum necessary if all people of the world were to be properly fed.

Mr. Krishnaswamy pointed out that since it had been established a change had occurred in the nature of the problems confronting the F.A.O.

The organisation was now in a stage of transition from a period of crisis to a period of reconstruction and development. Unhappily too many delegates did not recognise that change.

"It seems to me many delegates are more inclined still to be overwhelmed with the mentality of crisis and to submerge the needs of the future" he said.

As a result of this the organisation seemed still to be differentiating between longterm and short-term problems.

These problems had today become merged and could not be considered separately. What mere needed today were plans covering a period of years to be implemented stage by stage with immediate problems constituting the first stage of a long-term programme.

It was obvious today that the food shortage would not be overcome by the end of 1948 as had been earlier supposed but would continue for many years.

He recognised the F.A.O could only help various countries to help themselves but he was confident that the organisation should now enter upon more practical aspects of showing how production could be developed.

The organisation could also with advantage tackle the problem of distribution which no matter how large. The quantities of foodstuffs available in some regions of the world in the past, had resulted in other parts living at starvation levels.

"There is serious maldistribution of even what food is available today. Production in the east is still at a level and for my part I the world it cannot be said that the period of production ... began" he said.

Mr. Krishnaswamy referred to the danger of the F.A.O considering its work completed with the documentation which it was now undertaking in such vast volume.

"If this organisation is to continue its usefulness then problems of production and distribution must be given more practical consideration.

"Documents are excellent for giving us a picture of the world situation but we know what that picture is by now and just looking at the picture does not satisfy hunger."

A conference of southern hemisphere nations to exchange information on agricultural problems and developments was advocated by Mr Frank W. Bulcock, Australian Delegate, who suggested South Africa might be a suitable place for such a conference. He said the greatest agricultural development of the future would occur in the southern rather than the northern half of the world.

Mr. Bulcock supported the appeal made by Mr S Y Krishnaswamy that efforts of the F.A.O towards increasing world food production should be directed along more practical channels.

Vast documentary evidences had already been assembled by FAO showing what should be done he said.

Employees Of R. I. N. Who Opted For India

NEW DELHI April 8 (API) Civilians including electricians draughtsmen blacksmiths and fitters who were in the civilian employ of the Royal Indian Navy at Karach, on August 14, 47 and had opted for service in the Indian Union should get in touch with the following authorities if they desire employment in the reconstituted Royal Indian Navy.

Those who are still residents in Pakistan should contact immediately the offices of the High Commissioner for India in Pakistan at Karachi, Lahore or Peshawar. Those in Bombay and East and South India should contact the Commodore-In-Charge, Bombay, and those living in Delhi and West and North India the Naval Headquarters India New Delhi.

If those who have opted are already in the cities of Karachi Bombay or Delhi they should make a personal call at the office concerned and those living elsewhere may communicate by letter giving details of dependants and their present address.

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Sardar Patel's Goodwill Message To Mysore Consembly

BANGALORE, April 7 (A.P.I): The Constituent Assembly of Mysore commenced its first session this afternoon with Mr. K. C. Reddy, Chief Minister, in the chair. The Assembly which has been charged with the task of framing a suitable constitution for Mysore is composed of 76 members of whom 67 are Congress nominees.

The Maharaja of Mysore who had ordered Mr. K. C. Reddy to preside over the opening session, in a message of blessings to the Assembly, expressed his confidence that members of the Assembly would frame a constitution suited not merely to the constitutional status of Mysore vis a vis the rest of India but also to the needs, conditions and genius of the people of Mysore and that they will provide equal opportunities for all.

The Chairman also read goodwill messages received from the Governor General of India Lord Mountbatten Pandit Nehru, Sardar Patel and a host of other prominent persons in the country. Before the business commenced, a resolution condoling the death of Gandhiji and praying that his teachings might guide the Assembly, was passed.

The resolution mentioned "people of Mysore state are specially and gratefully bound to Mahatma Gandhi for he blessed and nursed our freedom movement ever since its inception and this Assembly is the blossom that is born out of his blessings."

After Mr. K. C. Reddy, Chairman had delivered his inaugural address, members took oath and signed the rules, Mysore Legislative Council register of members the Assembly adopted, pending framing its own rules and standing orders for conducting business. The permanent Chairman of the Constituent Assembly will be elected tomorrow.

Messrs. B. Ramakrishna Raju, President, Madras Legislative Council, M. Bhaktavatsalam and B. Gopal Reddy, Madras Ministers members of Hyderabad Action Committee and other prominent people in Mysore were among those present.

PATEL'S MESSAGE

BANGALORE, April 7 (A.P.I): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in a message of goodwill to the Mysore Constituent Assembly which commenced its first session here this afternoon says "Mysore State has been in the vanguard of progress both in spheres of administration and democratisation of Government. Those who laboured incessantly in the cause of responsible Government in the past, today find their labours amply rewarded.

In the new Constituent Assembly, they are seeing fruition of their dreams and their ideals. Goodwill and support of the people and sacrifices made by you all have contributed to the success of prolonged efforts to achieve for Mysore a constitution of responsible Government under the aegis of the Ruler.

It redounds to the credit of the late and the present Ruler that they have always bowed to the will of the people and never failed to concede popular demands.

May the Constituent Assembly which is meeting under such auspicious combination of circumstances and with so much fund of amity and goodwill, be guided by wisdom and statesmanship and fashion an institution worthy of the people and traditions of Mysore and which would serve as a model and example for other states I send you all my warmest congratulations and goodwishes".

Government's Industrial Policy Welcomed

Mr. Lalji Mehrotra's Plea For Exclusive Field For Private Enterprise

BOMBAY, April 8, (A.P.I): The Federation of Indian Chambers and Industry has welcomed the statement of the Government of India's industrial policy and has announced its "wholehearted co-operation and support" in achieving the Government's objective of increasing production.

CONSTRUCTIVE HELP

Mr. Lalji Mehrotra, President of the Federation, said today that the Federation were actuated by an earnest desire constructively to assist the Government of the country.

Mr. Mehrotra said that the long range aim implicit in the Government statement was nationalisation of all industrial activities in the country and to that extent it would cause a feeling of disappointment in the minds of the commercial and industrial community.

Dealing with the categories into which the industries had been divided in the policy statement, Mr. Mehrotra said, "from the practical point of view the operation of industries both private-owned and state-owned in the same sector will lead to the emergence of conditions which might result in the retardation of the progress of the industries in question as a whole".

PERIOD OF IMMUNITY 'TOO SHORT'

Mr. Mehrotra said that the period of immunity of ten years assured for existing enterprises was "too short" to make any real development or expansion possible. In order to ensure expansion of existing units in this group, he said, the least Government could do was to extent the period to twenty years".

Mr. Mehrotra welcomed the assurance regarding "fair and equitable compensation" and urged that in determining the compensation the market value of the assets, reserves and goods will be built up by a concern as well as its potential earning capacity would be taken into consideration.

As regards the group of industries left for the private enterprise, Mr. Mehrotra said that the federation viewed with apprehension the proposal of Government to ensure the progressive participation of the state in this sphere also. He said that at least this sector of industrial activity should be left open exclusively for private enterprise.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Mehrotra welcomed the setting up of a planning commission. He added, however that in order to carry the necessary measure of reassurance to the interests concerned, the least that Government should do was to give a categorical assurance that in the sector normally to be left open to private enterprise, Government would have, as a rule, no intention of interesting themselves.

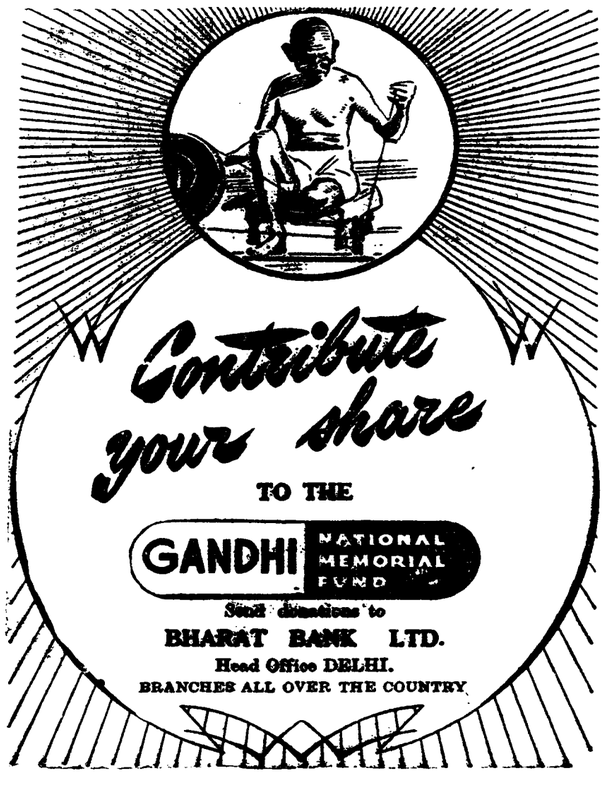
MR. DEVKARAN NANJEE'S VIEWS

Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee in a statement said that the Government's statement would result in inspiring confidence among the investors and in increasing production. He added: "Even though one may not be able to see eye to eye with the policy completely, yet I think it behoves every one of us to extend our fullest possible co-operation".

BIRLA CALLS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

NEW DELHI, April 8. (A.P.I.): Mr. G. D. Birla, the Indian industrialist, in an interview to-day described Government's policy announced yesterday as a "right step in the right direction" which deserved the co-operation of every section of the nation. Mr. Birla, however, thought there were many hurdles yet to be negotiated if the country were to reach the goal. First bottlenecks were labour and transport. Besides solving this problem steps should now be taken in the direction of installing new plant and working some of the existing industries on three shift basis. A purchasing mission should be sent to U. K. and America to buy plant. Secondly our taxation structure should be made more scientific and lastly a production board representing industry, labour and Government should be set up to handle all day-to-day questions which obstructed production.

A party was given by the Indian Ambassador to China and Mrs. Menon before their departure for India at 6 p.m. on March 31 at the International club in Nanking. Premier Chang Chun is seen shaking hands with Mrs. Menon.



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RAW COTTON PRICES REACH RS. 700 LEVEL

Mill Shares Rise But Steel Issues Neglected

UPCOUNTRY SELLING PRESSURE TELLS ON SILVER BUT GOLD STEADY

BOMBAY, April 8.

The local cotton market was strong today under active speculative buying and reached the level of Rs. 700/- per candy. For the first time during the past 25 years, cotton prices advanced to this level.

The sharp rise in prices is backed by professional operators based on strong statistical position and International cotton price level. During the war, cotton market was controlled with floor and ceiling prices but now the removal of restrictions gave a free hand to professional operators. In view of the rapid rise some brokers are reluctant to do forward business.

Bombay, April 8

The Bombay Stock Exchange was fairly firm to-day on active buying in Cotton Mill shares. It appears that the market expects an early end of control on cloth prices which means Mills will be able to fix their own prices. This expectation is attracting buyers while Steel shares were steady with two-sided movement.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened today at Rs. 1580 and after declining at Rs. 1560 advanced at Rs. 1592 but under profit-taking reacted at Rs. 1570. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 327 and after declining at Rs. 324 and improved at Rs. 328 and steadied at Rs. 326. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1052 and after declining at Rs. 1040 advanced at Rs. 1085 and steadied at Rs. 1080. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 610 and after declining at Rs. 608 advanced at Rs. 621 and steadied at Rs. 619. Swadeshi shares opened at Rs. 625 and advanced at Rs. 639.

Later on there was moderate buying and Tata Steel Defd shares improved at Rs. 1585. Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 328/8 while Bombay Dyeings were placed at Rs. 1090. Kohinoor shares were done at Rs. 625 and Swadeshi shares were quoted at Rs. 644. Simplex shares were placed at Rs. 233. Associated Cements were done at Rs. 175/8 and Scindia shares were quoted at Rs. 28/4. The market closed very steady with a good demand for Mill shares

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing X. D. 1087.8 Kohinoor 624 Swadeshi 642 Nagpur 334 Simplex 234 New Great 375 Gokak 345 Indore 550 Century 512/8 Colaba 320 Bleaching 166 Swan 378 Finlay 356 Morarji 520 Edward 623 12 Meyer 177/8 Apollo 3 11 I.U. Ordinary 15/6 I. U. Defd. 2/14 Madhusudan 240 Podar 181/4 Khatau 258/12.

STEELS

Tata Steel Ord. 328 Tata Steel Defd. 1587/8 Second 139/8.

CEMENTS

Associated Merger X. D. 175 8.

INDUSTRIES

Burma 437/8 Belapur 344 Shivrajpur 36/12 Scindia 28/5 Construction 195 Tata Chemical 17/2 Tata Oil 59/8 Indian Iron 30/2 Bengal Steel 25/14.

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tata Hydro 155 Andhra 1330 Power 1542 8.

MILLS (CASH)

Elphinstone 86 Phoenix 455 Ind. Mfg. 4218 Koorla 300 Dawn 1045 David 150 New City 188/12 Minerva 213/12 Bradbury 667/8 Bharucha (Defd.) 7 Bharat 39/8 Mysore 232/8 Madhavji 19/6 Model 190 Laxmi X.R. 807/8 Vishnu X.R. 317/8 Western 4060 Standard 520 Sholapur 5950 Sassoon Cotton 19 Hindustan 4310 Tata 75 Ahmedabad Advance 565 Sassoon Silk 85 New Union 16/4 Madhusudan B. 47 Shrinivas X.R. 220 Raja Bahadur 125 Berar 265 Victoria 425 Simplex Cpn. 108.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad X.R. 122/8 New 133/2 Surat 142 8 Karachi 115 Broach 10/10 Ajmer 10.8 Amalgamated 15/8 Nagpur 56/8 Poona 145 Bombay Suburban 149/6 Bombay Suburban New 131/4.

BANK SHARES

Reserve 111 Imperial 2022/8 P. P. 495 Central 86 New 85/8 India 245/8 Union 9/10 Baroda 159 Habib 152 Dena Bank 54 United Commercial 64/8 Jaipur 51 Hindustan Com. 34 Mysore 365 Exchange (Ord.) 50 Eastern 105

INSURANCE

Oriental 5400 Empire 785 New India 70/8 Jupiter 30 Vulcan 13/8 Indian Mercantile 66/8 Universal Fire 15/12 British India General 23/8 Prud. 29 Neptune 7 New Great 25 All-India General 20/4.

RAILWAYS

C.P. 106 Mymensing 100 Guaranteed 100 Pachora 107 Manmad 125

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 312/8 Steamer 535 Burma New 147/8 B.B. Petrol 2/12/8 Mackenzie 85 Port Canning 74 Kemp 480 Zandu Pharmacy 180 Indian Investment Trust 102/4 Wimco 313/12 Dharamsey Chemical 36/8 Mukund Iron 10 Dena Trust 24 Alembic 247/8 Supreme India 130 Jamwire 108 Bombay Uganda 74 Bombay Motor Cycle 42 India Cement 31/4 Walchand Nagar Industries 170 United Motor 74 A.C.C New 110 Bombay Safe Deposit 910 Hydri Construction 16 Mahmad Steam 100/8 Gujerat Motor

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, April 8.

MILLS.

Apollo 3/13 3/11 3.12 3/11
Bharat 42 41
B. Dyeing 1055 45 76/4 65 85 80 97/8
C. India 327 26 31 28 34
Colaba 325 20
E. Textiles 625 23 12
Finlay 344 42 51 50 60 54 56
Gokak 340 38 40 38 45
I. U. Defd 2 14/6 2/15 2/13/8 2/14/6 2/14
I. U. (Ord.) 15/5 15/4 15/6
Indore 555 32/8 46/4 45 50
Kohinoor 612 15 7 20 14 23 21 24
Madhusudan 240 41/4 40
Meyer 177/8
New Great 372 75 71 73 71 75
Podar 180 81/4 77/8 81/4
Simplex 230 27/8 33 30 31/8 31 34
Swadeshi 630 33 25 37 32 29 35 43 40 42
Swan 378
Tata Mills 71 75
Vishnu 317/8
C. P. Rly. 106

BANKS.

Baroda 160 59
Central 86 85/8 86/8 85/8 86
Imperial (Old) 2017/8 22/8
Imperial (New) 492/8 91/4 95
India 246 44/8 45/8
Reserve 111/8 11
Union 9/8 9/10
U. Commercial 64/4 65 64 64/8

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 122 8 26/4 22/8
Andhra Valley 1427/8 30
Andhra Valley (Pref.) 122b
Ajmer 10.8 10/10
Surat 142/8
Hydro 155
Power 1530 50 42.8
New India Ass. 70 71 70/8

STEAMER.

B. Steam 537/8 35
Scindia 28/6 28/3 28/8 28/6 28/7 28/5

STEEL.

B. Steel 26/1 25/10 25/12 25/10 25/14
I. Iron 30/2 29/14 30/2
Tata (Defd.) 1575 57/8 75 65 90 65 80 70, 80 65 87/8
Tata (Ord.) 329 25 28 25/8 28/8 26 27/8 26 28
Tata (IInd Pref.) 140/8 40 40/8 39/8

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 312/8
A. C. C. (Old) 178 74/8 78 74/8 75/8
A. C. C. (New) 110 10/8 10
Belapur 341 42 40 44 40 44
B. B. (Old) 435 32/8 40 36/4 40 37/8
B. B. (New) 146/4 47/8
B. B. Petrol 2/12 2/12/6
I. Bleaching 166
P. Const. 194 92/8 99 95
Shivrajpur 37 37/8 36/12
Tata Chem. 17/2 17/4 17 17/2
Tata Oil 59 59/8 58/12 59/8
Wimco 313/12 12/8 15 13/12

SPECIAL.

Central Bank (New) 85/8 86 85/8 25/2 Sardar Carbolic 750 Harvey Press 340 Estrella Bat. 53 Prince of Wales 625.

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 185 Andhra Valley 1225 Tata Power 1302/8 Hydro 125 Bombay Steamer 323/12 Nagpur 650 Swadeshi 146/4 Vishnu 850 Laxmi 307/8 New Great 222/8 Poddar 115 Shrinivas 98 Elphinstone 166/8 Bradbury 385 Surat Elec. 130 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 127 (Second Pref.) 125 Amalgamated 123/8 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 121/14 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/14 Supreme 120 Meyer 121/4 Mackenzie First 127/8 Mackenzie Second 125 Ahd. Advance 160 Mysore Mill 50 Standard 103 Madhusudan 12

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INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, April 8.

Tata Ordinary 328 Tata Deferred 1587/8; Indian Iron 30/2; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 25/14; Bombay Dyeing 1087/8; Central India 333/12; Gokak 345; Kohinoor 623/12; Simplex 234; Swadeshi 641/14; Tata Power 1542/8; Associated Cement 175/8; Belapur 343/12; Bombay Burma (Old) 437/8; Scindia 28/5; Central Bank 86/4; New India 70/10; Tata 2nd Pref. 139/6.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, April 8.

The local cotton market was again strong today under persistent speculative buying. It appears that bulks are overdoing the rise and the market is becoming dangerous. The recent rise of about Rs. 100 in prices has resulted into heavy losses to short sellers and any further attempt to raise prices is feared to result into several failures. The statistical position of cotton is strong and if control on cloth price is removed, there will be further rise in cotton prices. It is time for the custodians of the market to keep a strict watch over speculative activity.

The market opened today at Rs. 675/- for May delivery and with few transactions prices advanced at Rs. 688/-. At this level there appeared scattered realising and May contract reacted at Rs. 682 but again improved at Rs. 685 under moderate buying support.

Later on the market was steady with scattered buying. Quotations at 2 p.m. were as under:

Later on the market was steady with scattered buying. Towards the close there was a fresh wave of buying which feared up the market and May delivery advanced at Rs. 699. The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. May	695	0	0
I.C.C. July	697	8	0
I.C.C. September	700	8	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

BOMBAY, April 8.

Indian cotton may contract is 1029 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, April 7.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
May	680	649	676
July	682	655-1/2	678
September	683	659	680

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, April 8

Reports of export quotas of 21,500 tons induced increased buying. So far destinations are not known but the market was favourably influenced. Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 138/4 and advanced at Rs. 139. At this level there was increased selling and the market declined at Rs. 137/8 and steadied at Rs. 137/12. Groundnuts April/May delivery were quoted at Rs. 32 while Linseed April/May was quoted at Rs. 26. Groundnut Oil Ready was quoted at Rs. 17/6, May at Rs. 17/9 and June delivery at Rs 17/13.

The market finally closed as under:

GROUNDNUTS:

	Rs.	as.	p.
Khandesh quality	32	12	0
Coromandal ready	32	8	0
Bold ready	31	12	0
April-May	31	11	0

CASTORSEEDS:

Ready	30	6	0
May delivery	137	8	0

LINSEED:

Ready	25	12	0
April-May	25	12	0

OILS:

Groundnut ready	17	6	0
Groundnut April	17	6	0
Groundnut May	17	10	0
Linseed Oil	16	8	0
Castorseed First Pressing.	21	0	0
Castorseed Commercial quality	19	8	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, April 8.

	Rs.	as.	p.
2-1/2 p.c. 1954	98	10	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1960	101	1	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1961	96	12	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1948-52	100	4	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1960	99	1	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1962	99	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1976	99	8	0
3 p.c. non-Terminable	98	1	0
3 p.c. 1986 Con.	98	1	0
3 p.c. 1949-52	101	5	0
3 p.c. 1951-54	102	1	0
3 p.c. 1953-56	101	14	0
3 p.c. 1957	100	10	0
3 p.c. 1959-61	100	10	0
3 p.c. 1966-68	99	8	0
3 p.c. 1970-75	99	0	0
3 1/2 p.c. 1954-59	105	6	0
4 p.c. 1945-53	102	0	0
4 p.c. 1960-70	111	8	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	105	0	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1955-60	113	0	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	116	0	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

2-3/4 p.c. U.P. 1961	89	12	
2-3/4 p.c. Madras 1961.	99	0	0
3 p.c Bombay 1955	101	10	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1958	101	10	0
4 p.c. Punjab 1949	99	2	0
3 p.c. Madras 1952-53	100	12	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1952	99	4	6
3 p.c. U. P. 1952	112	0	0
3 p.c. C P 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. N.-W F. 1952	99	14	0
3 p c. U. P. 1961-66	100	10	0
3 p.c. Bombay Port Trust	111	4	0
3 p.c. Bombay Municipality City	111	0	0
3 p.c Bombay Municipality 1959	117	0	0
6 p.c. Municipality 1954	119	0	0
3-1/4 p.c. New Municipal 1977	100	12	0
5 p.c. BPT	110	0	0

HESSIAN MARKET.

BOMBAY, April 8

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Ready	112
April-June	100-1/2
July-Sept	98-1/2

D. W. 40X28.

Ready	107 0 0
April-June	99 0 0

PEPPER PRICES.

BOMBAY, April 8.

Chaitra dely.	832 to 835
Vaishakh dely.	842 to 845

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, April 8.

The Bullion market was quietly steady, today with mixed business Silver market remains quiet with moderate selling but gold remains firm under active demand. The Sales Tax has resulted into shaddy transactions.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 169|8 and improved at Rs. 170|4 under moderate buying At this level there was increased liquidation and the market quietly declined at Rs. 169|- but rallied at Rs. 169|8. Ready Silver was quoted at a discount of annas four at Rs. 169|4. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 113|14 and after advancing at Rs. 114|8 quietened at Rs. 114|2. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 114|4 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 73|4.

Later on there was further selling in Silver from upcountry and local bulk were unloading. Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	167	12	0
Forward Silver	168	0	0
Ready Gold	114	1	0
Forward Gold	114	9	0

SUGAR MARKET.

BOMBAY, April 8.

Usual Quality	104	8	0
Higher Quality	105	8	0
Raja	107	8	0
Buland	113	4	0
May dely.	37	8	0

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA.

The following is the Statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 2nd April:—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
CAPITAL:—	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,25,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	2,79,55,67,000
Sundries	1,34,31,000
Total Rs.	2,92,77,48,000

ASSETS. Rs.

INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	1,43,46,20,000
Other Authorised Investments	5,19,86,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	31,37,41,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	65,67,35,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,87,11,000
Dead Stock	1,55,87,000
Sundries	1,56 20,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	33,54,89,000
Balances with other Banks	4,52,59,000
Total Rs.	292,77,48,000

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 8.

B C Rates I I D D 1/8 15/16 Ready
B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months
London Banks Buying I T T/6 1/32 to 9th Month
London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6/5/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Month
New York and Montreal B C Rates T T Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Buying T T Rs. 330
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4
Montreal Rs 328 1/2
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 329
Montreal Rs 328 3/4 L/C
Paris Banks Selling T T Frs. 6400
Paris Banks Buying T T Frs. 6550
Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl 79
Belgium Banks Selling I T D D Frs. 1305
Java Banks Selling T T D D—79
Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157 1/4
New York-London Cross Rate Do. 02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4
London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.57-53.43
London Alexandria Pcs 97 1-4-3/4
London Amsterdam Fl 10.68-70
London Bangkok Tcl 40
London Belgium Frs. 176 1/2-3/4
London Denmark Kr. 19.32-36
London Hongkong 1/3 1/16
London Iran Rl 128-130
London Java Fl 10.68-70
London Lisbon Es 99.80-100.20
London Manila Pes 8.07-12
London Montreal Dol 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4
London New York Dol 4.02 3/4
4.031 1/4.
London Oslo Kr 19.98 20.02
London Paris Frs. 863.40-864.60
London Prague K 201-202
London Singapore 2/4 7/32-1/8
London Stockholm Kr. 14.47-50
London Switzerland Frs 17.34-36
London Syria 880-5
London Disets. 3 Mos. 9/16 per cent
London Disets. 6 Mos. 5/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent. Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1/2 per cent. 3 Mos. 3/4 per cent. 6 Mos. 1 per cent.
Tone:—Easy.

NEW YORK COTTON STRONG AT CLOSE

NEW YORK, April 7, (U. P. A.): On the New York Cotton Exchange today, prices came back strong after a faltering start, rallying nearly three dollars a bale from the lows to close around the day's best levels

Replacement buying by Tuesday's sellers, who expected a wider technical setback, was coupled with spot house and mill buying against textile order and export sales.

CREDIT FOR JAPAN.

A bullish sentiment predominated at the close reflecting expectations that the Export-Import Bank may make immediate and final decision on the long pending $60,000,000 credit for Japan and belief that Senate this week will approve the 150,000,000 dollar revolving fund credit intended to expedite purchases of raw cotton, hides and wool here by countries outside the iron curtain. The urgent Japanese need for raw cotton was expected to hasten action on the extension of credits to that country.

Today's session opened one to ten points lower and dipped a few additional points after the opening but the trend was lifted when May delivery touched 35.60 cents representing a decline of $3.00 a bale from the Tuesday's high which was the best level since December 31st. From noon onwards, prices advanced gradually attaining best levels in the final dealings, when the list ruled 37 to 48 points higher.

The new crop developments were being scrutinized with increasing interest. Technicians point out that if the new crop suffers any prolonged delay in getting underway or undergoes any unusual damage from insects or weather condition during the growing season, foreign interests will push in for raw cotton supplies here. A leading spot firm reported that the crop preparations over the northern half central belt improved although unwanted rains still were holding back farm work in many areas. Farmers appeared to be extremely anxious to plant more cotton.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 7

May		36.19+45
May	Highest	36.21+47
May	Lowest	35.65—09
July		35.51+48
October		32.40+38
December		31.70+37
Middling spot		37.20+44

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, April 7

May	36.17+51
July	35.50+53
October	32.37+39
December	31.71+48
Middling spot	36.10+40

WALL STREET MARKET IRREGULAR

NEW YORK, April 7

Recovery halted and prices fluctuated narrowly in fairly active trade. Production curtailments and worker lay offs are spreading as a result of fuel shortages. Paper, a feature with international paper net sales in 1947 gaining forty-one per cent over 1946. The averages were industrials 178.21 and rails 54.48. A mild rally in rails to a new 1948 high level influenced selected oils, chemicals, rubbers and specialities but elsewhere the net position was unchanged from midday. The inflationary implications arising of the European recovery programme curbed pressure. Rubbers attracted renewed interest following the general tyre rubber company's President optimism regarding future demand. There was some increase in profit-taking in late dealings and the composite average finished with a slight loss. The market closed irregular

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, April 7.

American Telephone and Telegraph	150-5/8
Amerex Holding Co.	24
Anaconda Copper Mining	35-3/4
Chase National Bank	35-1/4
Sinclair Oil Co.	19-1/4
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	49-1/2
General Electric Co.	37
General Motors	56-1/8
Ingersol Rand	132-1/2
International Nickel	29-3/8
National City Bank of New York	38-5/8
New York Central Railroad Co.	14-1/2
Socony Vacuum Corporation	17-1/8
Texas Corporation	58-7/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	105
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	48-1/4
U. S. Steel Corporation (Common)	73-5/8
Western Union Telegraph	22-1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 7

Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£76 1/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	104
War loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952 and after	103 1/2
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	111 3/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent	113 3/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	12 3/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	119 1/2
National Bank of India	37 3/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 7,551

LONDON BULLION

London, April 7

London silver spot and forward both	45d.
London gold bars fine per oz	R8-12-3

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, April 7

T T London on:	
New York selling	4.0275
New York buying	4.0325
Montreal selling	4.0275
Montreal buying	4.0325
Zurich selling	17.34
Zurich buying	17.36
Stockholm	14.47 to 14.50

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

BOMBAY, April 8.

EXPORTS

S.S. JALKETU

From Norfolk:—37 rolls wrapping paper.

From Philadelphia:—836 drums lubricating oil.

From New York:—716 drums coaltar dyes, 65 bls camphor, 320 ctns hurricane wick lanterns, 30 bxs pica type woodstock typewriter, 384 drums white petroleum mineral oil, 65 drums caustic potash boiled, 30 cylinders neongas, 28 cases motor vehicle spare parts, 1816 drums lubricating oil, 29 cases printing paper, 159 cases steel carriage bolts and nuts, 70 drums aniline dyes, 100 bags sodium bicarbonate, 71 cases essential oil, 7376 pcs copper, 265 bales coloured boards, 60 cylinders anhydrous amonia, 34 drums rubber accelerator, 34 crts equepted bins, 500 bags sodaash.

IMPORTS

S.S. CARRICK BEND

To Shanghai:—200 bags myrabolams—N. Dulichand and Co.

To Singapore:—10 rolls woollen mystic—C. Mulchand and Co. Cotton piece goods 10 bales—The Bombay Dying and Manufacturing Co. Ltd. 5 bales—The Elphinstone Spinning and Weaving Mills Co. Ltd. 25 bales cotton waste—Jani and Co.

To Hongkong:—12 bales surgical wool—Dewandas Pratapral, 10 bags sandal wood—M. A. Mullick.

S.S. KHANDALLA

To Zanzibar:—Cotton piece goods 5 bales—S. Kalidas and Co. 18 bales—Ealing and Sons.

To Daresallam:—5 bags turmeric powder—Vithaldas and Co. 12 bales cotton piece goods—T. M. Manji and Co.

To Mombasa:—5 crates glass globes—G. Shantilal and Co. From N. T. Merwanji, 5 bags tamarind, 5 bags coriander, 6 bags turmeric.

S.S. MUTLAH

To Colombo:—From A. Valji and Bros. 70 cases glassware, 5 bags ajwan seed, 20 cases cumminseed, 20 bags coriander, 10 bags fennelseed, 10 cases plaster of paris—Shaporia Dock and Steel Co. Ltd

To Rangoon:—102 cases cashew kernels—N. G. Prabhuyantye.

S.S. VARSOVA

To Karachi:—10 bales woollen carpets—Shroff and Co. 7 bdls woollen floor carpets—A. Wazir.

To Busrah:—175 bags talcum powder—M. A. Mullick and Co. 5 cases rubber shoe heels—R. M. Amin and Co.

To Kowait:—8 cases aluminium utensils—L. Desai 19 bales cotton piece goods—A. A. A. Kazi.

To Behrin:—12 cases hair oil—A. Matinbhoy. 10 bales cotton piece goods—D. Kuberdas and Co.

S. S. TORANTIA

To Liverpool. 6 rolls woollen carpets—United Traders Ltd., 7 bales wool raw—F. H. Paranjpambhoy, 6 cases mental brass ware—Indian Industries Palace, 358 bales coton waste Champaklal and Co.

S. S. ALDERAMIN

To Havre: 50 bales hemp M. Dawoodbhai, 220 bales cotton raw—V Ladha and Co.

S. S. BHADRAWATI

To Karachi: Myraoolams 50 bags—The General Trading Co 25 bags—Y. Mahmedali, 9 cases harmless medicine—W T. Suren and Co 40 cases glass ware—C A. Rahim and Co. From L. Currimbhoy and Co 65 cases glass ware and 20 cases earthen ware, 30 bdls turmeric—M Morarji and Co

S S BHIRALA

To Karachi: 6 cases hair oil—Ahmed and Co.

S. S. POINT CLEAR

20 bags medhi powder Juma and Sons.

S. S BENFIELD

To Karachi. 10 drums magnesium chloride—S A Kanjum and Co

C. C MUBARAK

To Muscat: 36 bales cotton piece-goods—M. H Suleman.

C. C. SAMBOOK

To Soor: 15 bales hemp—M H. Suleman.

C C RUPAREL

To Karachi: 64 drums sulphuric acid—O. Dawood.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

S.S. "SHIRALA" arrived from Karachi, on April 7, with 2,299 passengers. (M M.)

"SAPAROEA" arrived from Vancouver, on April 8, with 2,282 tons of general cargo (Volkart.)

S.S. "STRYMION" arrived from Calcutta, on April 8, with 6,900 tons of coal and general cargo (James Mackintosh)

SAILINGS

"BARPETA" sailed for Basrah, on April 7, with 329 passengers and 1,816 tons of general cargo

S.S. "ATLANTIC SEAMAN" sailed for Australia, on April 7, in ballast.

"STANOAC CAPETOWN" sailed for Auckland on April 7, in ballast.

S.S. "COSSIPORE" sailed for Cochin, on April 7, with 150 tons of general cargo

DELHI TEACHERS TO GO ON STRIKE

NEW DELHI, April 8. (A. P. I.): Mr. Bhagwant Swaroop, General Secretary of the Delhi Province Teachers Association said at a press conference here today that over 3,000 teachers from 300 schools in the Delhi province would launch a province-wide strike if their demands for revision of scales of pay and increase in allowances, were not conceded by August 15.

SAVING PETROL FROM BR. BLACK MARKET

LONDON: (IPS) Proposals claiming to save 800,000 tons of petrol a year from the Black Market has been made by the Motor Agents Association to the Fuel Ministry. They are giving co-operation to the three-man committee formed to fight petrol black market. Among the suggestions are that supplies to some of the big companies have been black market sources.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

CHICAGO, April 7.

Chicago grains market eased fractionally in small dealings reflecting caution pending Friday's Government crop estimate. Some scattered selling of wheat based on favourable weather and crop advices together with the lower trend of cash wheat values. Export demand for flour on May allocation has failed to materialise so far apart from the recent small quantities purchased by Holland. Towards the close most wheat deliveries advanced to new high levels for the day on buying credited to commercial interests and flour mills with the latter presumably hedge lifting against export sales to Holland and the Netherland East Indies.

WORTH STREET ACTIVITY SLACKENED

NEW STREET, April 7, (U. P. A.): On the Worth Street Cotton Cloth market today, activity slackened as traders shied away from sharply higher prices which were quoted for print cloths by leading producers.

Converters reported increased price resistance in garment trade.

WOOL TOPS

NEW YORK, April 7, (U. P. A.). Wool Tops futures closed quiet, unchanged to one point lower, on the New York market today.

Closing prices were: April. 180.1 nom: May. 180.1/181.5; July. 179.6/180; October. 177.2/178; December. 176.2/176.5; March (1949). 173.2/173.5; May. 170.2/172; July 167.8/171.5

LONDON WHEAT

London, April 7

Australian wheat (bulk) May/June quoted 137/6

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago April 7

May	2.45 1/4 to 2.45 1/2
July	2.34 to 2.34 1/4
September	2.32 3/4 to 2.32 1/2
December	2.33 1/4 to 2.33 1/2

NEW YORK SILVER

New York April 7

U S price of foreign silver 74 5/8 cents

KUTCH HUNDI.

BHUJ, April 8.

Hundi Buyers 303; sellers 304. Gold Rs. 108; Silver Rs. 151.

SHIVANDI RICE.

BOMBAY, April 7.

Per Bag of 182 lbs.	Rs.
Kasania	69 to 70
Surti Colam	71 to 72

ITALIAN ART-SILK YARN.

BOMBAY, April 8

150 D April	12 13 6
150 D. May	12 8 6
120 D. Ready	11 8 0

New "Threat" To Cotton Exporting Countries

MANCHESTER, April 8, (Reuter). Some of the world's traditional markets for cotton—South America, the Near East, and the Dominions of the British Commonwealth of Nations—now threaten existing cotton exporting countries, by their capacity for expansion as manufacturers a statement put before the Anglo-American Cotton Industry Conference here today declared.

The statement had been prepared by the Cotton Board, which is in general control of the British cotton industry.

"Production in the traditional market areas was tremendously encouraged by the war", the statement said.

"There are now few of these countries without a plan for greatly expanding their textile manufacturing capacity"

Revised Soft Coke Prices

The Government of Bombay have issued Orders in supersession of the Bombay Soft Coke Price Control Order, 1945, revising the prices of soft coke in Greater Bombay. The revised wholesale and retail prices exdepot of soft coke imported from Collieries are Rs. 48 per ton and Rs. 2/10/0 per cwt respectively. The revised wholesale and retail prices of the different varieties of soft coke, produced by the Bombay Gas Co. Ltd. remain the same as heretofore.

The above prices are exclusive of the delivery charges which are fixed the same as before viz. at Re. 7/8 0 per ton by motor lorry or Rs. 5/0/0 per cart if delivery is taken by cart and Rs. 0/6/0 per cwt. for delivery by any other mode.

The revised prices of soft coke come into force with immediate effect. The requisite Notification in this respect has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette, Extraordinary, dated April 7, 1948.

Five-Year Plan To Increase Cane Production In Bihar

PATNA, April 8 (A.P.I.)—Dr. Syed Mahmud, Development Minister, replying to a question in the Bihar Assembly today said that the provincial sugar development board of the Bihar Government had drawn up a five-year plan with the object of achieving targets of twenty tons of cane to the acre and 120 days season, and it was under examination by the Government.

Replying to a short notice question, Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Ansari, Minister of P.W.D and Rehabilitation, stated that Mokameh had been selected for building the proposed railroad bridge over the Ganges.

Pakistan Move For Foodgrains Decontrol

KARACHI, April 7 (UPI)—The United Press understands that the Pakistan Government is considering the question of decontrolling foodgrains throughout the Dominion.

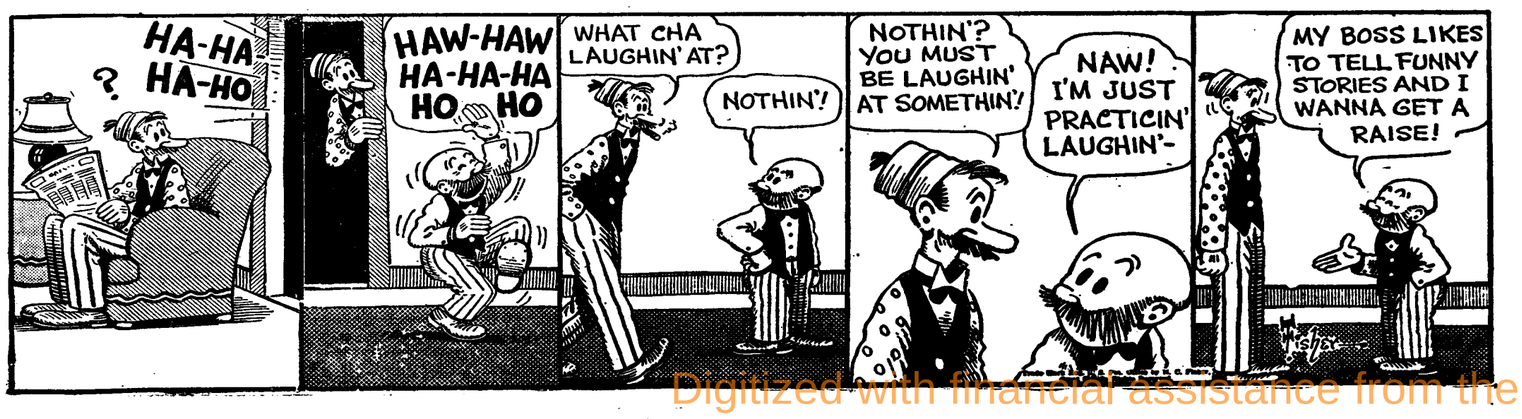
The matter is likely to be discussed in the forthcoming Food Ministers Conference convened Pirzada Abdus Sattar the Pakistan Food Minister.

CALICUT MARKET.

CALICUT, April 8.

Coiryarn Beypore 140/150; Quilandy 155/165; Fibre Garbled 110; Ungarbled 110; Cocoanut Raw 92 93; Dry 110/112; Cocoanut Oil 365; Copra Office 245; Dilpasand 250; Madrasnoot-gam 260; Pepper Wynaad 916; Country 900; Dry Ginger Chernad 290; Ernad 275; Coffee Robusta 140; Timber Pa 70 85; Jungleswood 25/30; Ve lapine 50 55; Bentsek 40 45; Teak 80 90; Mango Planks 3/3/4; Teak 18.18; Rosewood 17/8.20.

MUTT AND JEFF—I Told You Yesterday Jeff's Better As A Secretary Than A Stenographer By BUD FISHER


HA-HA HA-HO ?
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WHAT CHA LAUGHIN' AT?
NOTHIN'!
NOTHIN'? YOU MUST BE LAUGHIN' AT SOMETHIN'!
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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (DISPOSALS)
Mercantile Chambers, Graham Road, Ballard Estate
Bombay.
AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1948.

Sl. No.	Date of Auction.	Time	Place of Auction	Stores to be offered	Auctioneer.
1.	13-4-1948.	10 A.M. to 5 P.M.	'A' Warehouse, Bombay	Sea Transport Stores.	M s. Gandhi & Co. 72, Medow Street, Fort, Bombay.
2.	12-4-1948.	10 A.M. to 5 P.M.	M s. Balmer Lawrie's Jackeria Bunder Godown, Sewri, Bombay	U. S. Maritime Stores.	M s. Crawford & Co., 132, Apollo Street, Bombay.
3.	14-4-1948.	10 A.M. to 1 P.M.	Ordnance Depot, Bombay	Cells dry inert	M s. Gandhi & Co., Bombay.
4.	14-4-1948.	2 P.M. to 5 P.M.	Consolidated Pneumatic Tools Co., Bombay.	Pneumatic Tools.	-do-
5.	16-4-1948.	10 A.M. to 1 P.M.	M s. Dodanavar Bros., Belgaum.	Timber	M s. Gurdit Singh Besant Singh, Nanapeth, Poona.
6.	19-4-1948.	10 A.M. to 1 P.M.	Frere Basin, Mazagaon Bombay.	Sleepers & Rails, etc.	M s. Crawford & Co.
7.	21-4-1948.	10 A.M. to 1 P.M.	No. 2 B.P.T. Ware House, Wadi Bunder, Bombay.	U.S. Maritime Stores (Furniture) & Pneumatic tools	-do-
8.	22 23-4-48.	10-30 A.M. to 5 P.M.	Returned Stores Sub Depot, Ghorpuri.	Misc. Stores (Salvage)	M s. Shankar Ramchander & Bros., 128, Main Street, Poona.
9.	26-4-1948.	10-30 A.M. to 5 P.M.	D. G. I & S. Depot, Sewri, Bombay	Oil dressed fabric and other Stores	M s. Crawford & Co.,
10.	29-4-1948.	10 A.M. to 5 P.M.	Salvage Sub Depot, Haji Bunder, Bombay	Misc. Salvage Stores.	M s. Bennett & Co. 120, Apollo St., Fort, Bombay.

(8045)

SUB-AUDITORS, CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

APPLICATIONS are invited before the 10th May 1948 from natives of the Province of Bombay and ifom non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan for posts of Sub-Auditors, Co-operative Societies in Co-operative Department. The posts are at present temporary but are likely to be made permanent and pensionable.

GRADE—Rs. 100-8-140 plus cost of living allowance and house rent allowance as admissible under the orders of Government.

QUALIFICATIONS—A degree in Law or degree of B. Com. or B.A. with Economics or Mathematics or B.Sc. with Mathematics or Registered Accountants or holders of the Government Diploma in Co-operation and Accountancy. Preference will be given to candidates who have obtained Higher Diploma in Co-operation after having gone through a regular course of training at the Co-operative Training College, Poona.

AGE.—25 years in the case of Advanced Class, and 28 years in the case of Intermediate or Backward Class as on 15th June 1948. The age limit will not apply in the case of refugees who were in continuous Government or Semi-Government service upto the 15th August 1947 or thereafter in the dominion of Pakistan.

LANGUAGES KNOWN.—Any one or more of the regional languages of the Province of Bombay.

Persons already in Government service who are eligible may also apply, if they are permitted by the Heads of their Department.

The selected candidates will be required to undergo training at the Co-operative Training College, Poona for one year and to pass the Diploma Examination before they are appointed to the posts. During the period of training they will be paid a stipend at the rate of Rs. 60/- per mensem. Such of the selected candidates as have already received training and obtained the Higher Diploma in Co-operation (with Accounts and Auditing) will not be required to undergo the course again.

Application forms obtainable from the office of the Registrar, Co-operative Societies and Director of Agricultural Marketing and Rural Finance, B.P., Poona I, on cash payment or on receipt of a self-addressed envelope bearing 2 annas stamps and Indian Postal Order for Re. 1/- NOT CROSSED payable to the Personal Assistant to the Registrar, Co-operative Societies and Director of Agricultural Marketing and Rural Finance, B.P., Poona. Payment by postage stamps will not be accepted.

No reply will be given to unsuccessful candidates.

B. P. PATEL (I.C.S.)
Registrar, Co-operative Societies and
Director of Agricultural Marketing and Rural Finance, B.P., Poona I.

Poona, I, April 5, 1948. 8042

THE DELHI CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY, LTD.

WANTED a Shift Engineer for a Steam Power Station, having high pressure Boilers and steam turbines of a total capacity of about 25,000 kW. Candidates must have experience in operation and maintenance of steam generating stations of not less than 20,000 kW. capacity and should have a diploma or degree from a recognised Engineering Institution in India with First Class certificate of competency as prescribed under the Indian Boiler Act. Only persons having at least 5 years' experience in similar capacity will be considered. Time scale of pay Rs. 150-25-250-E B-25-300-E B-25-500 plus dearness allowance, compensatory and house rent allowances in force from time to time. The post is permanent and carries benefits of Contributory Provident Fund. Age limits between 30 and 45 years. Deserving candidate may be given a higher initial pay in the grade.

Applications stating full particulars will be received by the undersigned upto 20th April 1948.

B. PAUL,
General Manager,
Delhi Central Electric Power Authority Ltd.,
New Delhi. 8021

THE TATA IRON & STEEL CO. LTD., JAMSHEDPUR.

NO. 1.—"APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of Tuberculosis Medical Officer (Male) for the Medical Department of the Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur. The candidate must have higher qualifications in tuberculosis and wide experience of organisation of tubercular scheme as well as of specialised treatment of tubercular patients. Preference will be given to a candidate who has experience of tuberculosis sanatorium. Salary is proposed to be in the grade of Rs 400-50-650 per month but higher salary may be considered for deserving candidates. The post is a non-practising one, and will carry a conveyance allowance of Rs. 25 - per month together with dearness allowance, emergency bonus, profit-sharing bonus, food rebate and provident fund according to the Rules of the Company.

Applications with three recent copies of testimonials and certificates together with details of age, qualifications, experience and published work, if any, and starting pay acceptable, should reach the Assistant Director of Personnel (Employments), The Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur, not later than the 1st May, 1948."

No. 2.—"APPLICATIONS are invited from Medical Graduates for the post of a Lady Assistant Medical Officer, for the Medical Department, The Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur, for a period of 8 to 12 months.

The post carries a salary of Rs. 200 - per month with free unfurnished quarters or 10% of the salary in lieu thereof.

Temporary dearness allowance, food rebate and emergency bonus are admissible according to Company's Rules. Private practice will be allowed provided it will not in any way interfere with one's legitimate official duties.

Applications with three recent copies of testimonials, stating age, date of birth, qualifications and experience, medical registration number, should reach the Assistant Director of Personnel (Employments), Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur, on or before the 1st May, 1948." (8050)

THE MYSORE SPG. & MFG. CO., LTD.
LOST OR MISLAID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TWELVE ORDINARY SHARE CERTIFICATES Nos. 20754, 20755 and 3479 to 3488 (both inclusive) of the above Company standing in the name of Mr. Ittige Nagappa of Bangalore have been LOST or MISLAID. Any claim in respect of the said shares should be made to us at the Registered Office of the Company, at 70 Forbes Street, Fort, Bombay, within 15 days from the date of this Notice, failing which duplicates of the said Share Certificates will be issued.

For The Mysore Spg. & Mfg. Co., Ltd.,
N. SIRUR & CO., LTD.,
Managing Agents,
V. N. CHANDAVARKAR,
Managing Director.

Bombay, Dated 3rd April, 1948. (8047)

THE UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK LIMITED.
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS RULES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, to meet the wishes expressed by several of our valued constituents the stipulation about the maximum amount on which interest is allowed, is amended to read as follows:—

"The maximum amount on which interest is given in Savings Bank Account is limited to Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only). The Bank reserves to itself the right to accept or refuse deposits offered under this rule and to close down any account which is not, in the Bank's opinion, satisfactorily conducted, without assigning any reason therefor".

The above amendment comes into force with immediate effect.

B. T. THAKUR,
General Manager.

Calcutta, 19th March, 1948. 8054

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (DISPOSALS),
Mercantile Chambers, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (Disposals), Bombay invites sealed Tenders for the purchase and removal of the following stores ex site:

Description of stores	Quantity	Condition
12—Throw Hydraulic pump including Gearing and 75 H.P. Motor	1	Good

LOCATION:—M/s. Richardson & Cruddas, Byculla, Bombay.

SUPERSCRIBE REFERENCE NO. RCS CPM Misc/100.

LAST DUE DATE 26-4-48.

Offers must be submitted in the tender Forms obtainable from this office on payment of Rs. 5 - per set (which is not refundable) in double covers, inner being sealed and superscribed with above Tender No. and due date.

Offers should remain open for acceptance for 30 days from the date of offer.

Earnest Money (refundable to unsuccessful tenderers) of 10% of the value of offers should be deposited in the Reserve Imperial Bank of India or Government Treasury under Head of Account "Revenue Deposits" in favour of the Regional Commissioner (Disposals, Bombay. Tenders not accompanied by such Treasury Bank receipt will be ignored.

CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

No guarantee is given of the quality or suitability of the stores. Sale will be subject to the conditions of contract laid down in form Con. 117.

Permits to inspect the stores at site can be obtained from this office. (8048)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE

THE DEPUTY CITY ENGINEER invites separate tenders for the following works:

I. Resurfacing with asphalt macadam (1) Dinshaw Petit Lane from Parel Chawl to Parel Tank Road, (2) Dongri Street from Sandhurst Road to 1st Chinch Bunder Road & (3) Dr. Viegas Street.
II. Cadell Road from Old Parbhadevi Road to Ash Lane and from Ranade Road to Lady Hardinge Road.
III. Sukhalaji Street between Bellasis Road and Grant Road.

Tenders will be received upto 1 P.M. (B.T.) on Friday the 16th April 1948.

Forms of tenders, specifications, etc., will be issued on payment of Rs. 5|- for each copy to any one deputed to receive them by the Deputy City Engineer (Works Branch) who will on application give any further information that may be required.

Forms of tenders, etc., will not be supplied by Post.

By order of the
Municipal Commissioner.

Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay,
8th April, 1948. (8053)

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

FOR B. L. Railway Printing Press, a COMPOSITOR on Rs. 55|-P.M. (with usual Dearness Allowance) in the grade of Rs. 55-3-85 E.B. 4-125-5-130. Minimum educational Qualification — Matriculation. Candidate having previous experience will be preferred. Apply with testimonials to the Agent and General Manager, B. L. Railway, Kurduwadi, Dist: Sholapur, (Applications should reach before 20th April, 1948). (8043)

TENDER NOTICE.
TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF LITHO STONES

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the supply of five litho stones required for the use of the litho printing branch of the Survey Office, Trivandrum. The stones should be of 30" x 20" x 3" size. The tenders should reach the undersigned on or before April 1948.

S. SIVARAMAKRISHNA IYER.
Superintendent, Travancore Survey, Trivandrum. 8033

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY

Office of the Regional Commissioner, Disposals Mercantile Chambers, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (Disposals), Bombay, invites tenders for the purchase and removal of the following ex-site:

Store	Quantity	Location
Alkali Reclaim	3.7580 Tons	Ex. D.G., I. & S., Godown at Ghatkopar.

Superscribed Reference—Tender No. RCS 20973 MS.

Last date due by 4 P.M. on 16-4-48.

Stores must be removed by 28-4-48.

Tender forms can be obtained from this office on payment of Rs. 5 - per set (not retundable)

Offers should be sent on tender forms enclosed in double covers, the inner to be sealed and superscribed with the above reference number and should remain open for acceptance for 30 days from the date of offer. Earnest money (refundable to unsuccessful tenderers) of 10% of the value of offers should be deposited in the Government Treasury or Reserve Imperial Bank under head of Accounts "Revenue Deposits" in favour of Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Bombay. Tenders not accompanied by such Treasury Bank receipts will be ignored. Cheques will not be accepted.

No guarantee is given of the quantity, quality or suitability of the above stores. Sale will be subject to the condition of contract Con. 117 obtainable at this office.

Permits to view the stores at site can be obtained from this office and from the stockholder. (8049)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY
INSOLVENCY NO. 34 OF 1948.
Re: Messrs. JAWAHAR DYEING and PRINTING WORKS, a firm of Merchants carrying on business at Thakurdwar Road, Girgaum .. Debtors.
Exparte: RATANSEY MOORJI of Bombay Ghatkopar Hindu Inhabitant, a Merchant, residing at Ghatkopar in the Greater Bombay: .. Petitioning Creditor.

On the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioning Creditor presented on the 27th day of March, 1948, an order was made on the 6th day of April, 1948, by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtors Insolvents.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1948.

SAROSH H. A. VAKIL,
Insolvency Registrar. (8051)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLEARED CARGOES OF THE B.P.T. DOCKS.

In accordance with Sec. 64 of the Bombay Port Trust Acts of 1879 and as from time to time amended under instructions from the Manager, Bombay Port Trust Docks MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 13th April 1948, at 2 p.m. at Alexandra Docks (Sale Warehouse) Medicine, Textile Machinery Parts, Tobacco Elec. appliances,, Parachutes, Perfumery, Gin, and wine Old newspapers, Chemicals, Glassware, Art Silk P. Goods, cotton and silk piece goods, 105 packages Copper Sulphide film, Woollen Blankets, art silk fents, glassware, aniline die, Hardware, 25 packages Motor car parts, 52 cases toys, 108 cask coal pitch, 18 packages Brass scrap, Asophoetida, Paper, Toothpaste.

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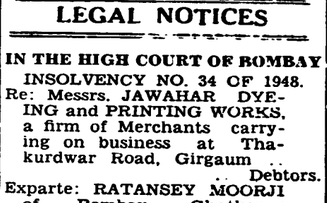

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